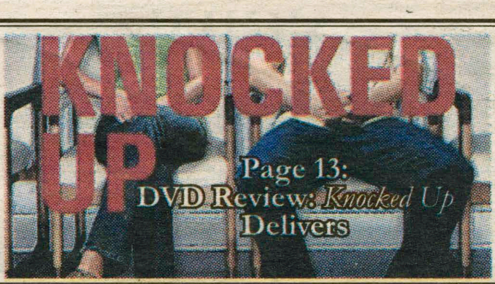

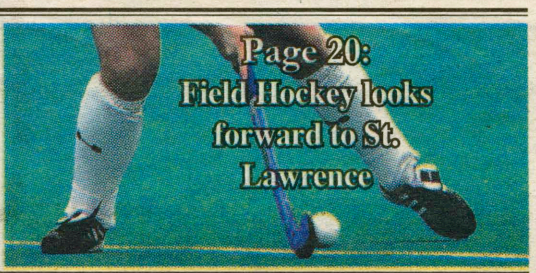

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Activism Hot on Campus as Students Speak Out

The Social Justice Initiative Project Examines Race Issues

by Meredith Kennedy '09
News Writer

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Students participate in a Social Justice Iniative lunch time discussion from the DSJP Student Conference.

The Social Justice Initiative Project was founded last semester after several meetings and increased desire from students to make a difference. The budding organization consists of a range of diverse students who are interested in creating a forum to discuss issues of race and related subjects on the Hamilton College campus.

The Social Justice Initiative was developed by a group of students, including many involved in the HEOP and Posse opportunity programs, after they met and talked about what it means to be a student of color at Hamilton.

Their dissatisfaction with many facets of our college community led them to develop three areas of interest in which they would like to see improvements. These three areas include the curriculum, collaboration between multicultural groups, and structural race at Hamilton.

Students such as junior Melissa Young and sophomore Corinne Bancroft wish to address the curriculum and how it applies to race. In addition to Young and Bancroft, many other students feel that although race is an important aspect of our history, it is often left out of the learning experience. The group plans to research this area of interest in order to adopt a way to spark change properly.

The second change the Initiative intends to make is creating increased collaboration between the multicultural and diverse groups on campus. Young, who plays an active role in promoting the group, explains how the Social Justice Initiative "works like an umbrella, trying to connect all of the groups on campus." They hope to make a bigger difference by working together with LaVanguardia, Black Student Union, Asian Cultural Society, Womyn's Center, and Rainbow Alliance.

As a new group, the students involved are trying to act as the political voice that provides ways to be proactive by encouraging a fair-minded college community. Starting next week there will be coffee hours held in Opus every other week on Monday and Wednesday afternoons to discuss issues on campus. For those students who do not want to be directly involved with the group, the informal meeting times are a great way to voice opinions in a subtle way.

In addition to holding the coffee hours, the Social Justice Initiative members hope to improve the condition of their current multicultural center, the Afro-Latin Culture Center (AFCC), which is located next to the Career Center. They believe that an investment in the renovation of the AFCC will provide a fitting meeting place for the group while highlighting the college's commitment to diversity.

The main goal of the Social Justice Initiative, whether the AFCC has refurbished their meeting hall or not, is to address the issues of race and diversity that are often ignored in the classroom. By reacting to these problems and discussing the issues, the students will be able to make changes to help foster a more unified Hamilton campus community and provide a more fulfilling learning experience.

Syracuse Peace Protest This Weekend

by Meredith Kennedy '09
News Writer

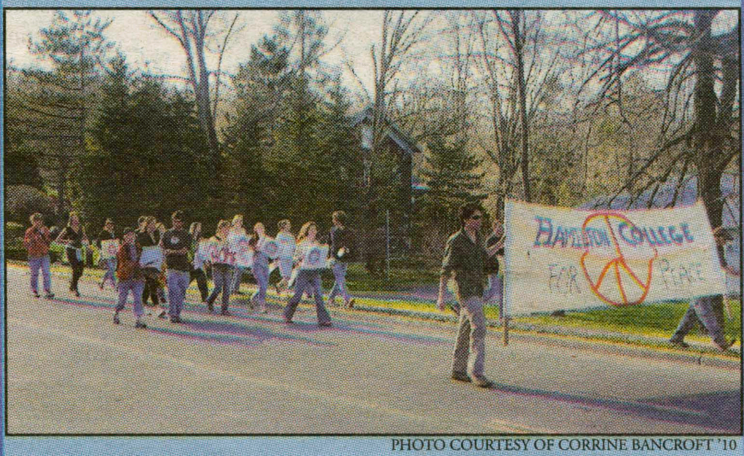
This Saturday September 29 a group of Hamilton students will be attending a rally and march for peace in Syracuse. The efforts of Students Against Violence are making it possible for students to speak out against the war. The college will be providing a Jitney for those interested in getting their voices heard at the rally.

The issues involved with the rally include the United States' withdrawal from Iraq, full health benefits for returning veterans, money for jobs and education, and reparations to the Iraqi people. The overall message and goal of the rally is to "Bring the Troops Home Now."

There are already over fifteen people scheduled to attend the rally, with hopes that the interest will increase by Saturday. According to Corinne Bancroft '10, who is involved with planning this event and who has attended rallies on the Clinton Green in the past, "this is a great opportunity to speak out with a group of people who share your same views."

The rally does not just draw a crop of interesting people, but also fosters a sense of community and allows people to voice their feelings openly. Bancroft believes this is an important event for those who hold strong opinions about the war, and hopes for a good turnout. Students should take advantage of the opportunity to act on their opinion because as Bancroft says, "words don't mean anything unless you act on them."

The next rally that Hamilton students will be attending is on October 27 in New York City. It is a regional event that will draw a lot more protestors. For more information about the peace rallies and how to get involved, please contact Corinne Bancroft at cbancrof@hamilton.edu.



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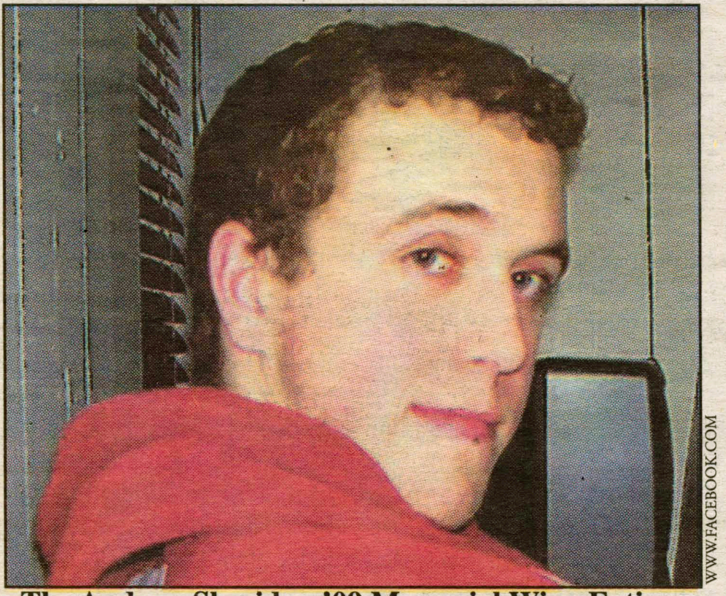
Many Hamilton Students are active in marches, rallies, and protests to bring troops home from the War in Iraq.

Sheridan Memorial Chicken Wing Eating Contest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The Andrew Sheridan '09 Memorial Wing Eating Contest will raise funds for The Cornhill Program.

by Ezra Rosenberg '10
News Editor

On Thursday October 4 friends of the late Andrew Sheridan '09 will host the first Annual Andrew Sheridan '09 Memorial Wing Eating Contest in conjunction with the HAVOC executive board. Sheridan died suddenly while playing soccer during winter recess of last year.

Among his many passions at Hamilton, Sheridan was an avid volunteer for the Cornhill Youth Soccer Program in Utica, which is run through HAVOC. The Cornhill Program provides a soccer league for underprivileged Utica children. All equipment for the league is funded entirely through charitable donations, and the coaching and mentoring is on an entirely volunteer basis. Sheridan was a volunteer coach for the program both of his years on the hill.

Sheridan's service to the Cornhill league, coupled with his passion for chicken wings, inspired his friends to honor his memory with an annual wing eating contest, the proceeds of which will go the the Cornhill program

The event will serve to keep Sheridan's memory alive by benefiting a program that, as an accomplished athlete, he loved dearly.

The event is being coordinated by Matt Chuff '08, who explained that the proceeds will go toward "New goals, nets, cones for practice, and other assorted practice equipment." The friends of Sheridan and the HAVOC Executive Board have received generous financial assistance from the Dean of Student's Office and the President's Office.

The contest will be held in Tolles Pavilion. Doors will open at 7 p.m. and the contest will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. The entry fee is five dollars for students

*See **Wing Contest**, pg 3*

Writing 110 Course for Adirondack Adventurers

by Alicia Wright '10
News Writer

Although Adirondack Adventure promises a challenging week of outdoor excursions, it is an easy way for first year students to meet and form new friendships with one another. This year, one AA trip even included an extra bonus, writing assignments!

If the prospect of assignments before the beginning of the academic year sounds painful, remember that signing on to the program is voluntary. There was no problem in filling the spaces for the Cranberry Lake trip. The students were drawn to the purpose of strengthening their writing through the Adventure Writing- Writing 110 course. Twelve first year students requested the canoeing program and enrolled in the class.

The idea for an AA trip conjoined with some form of writing activities was created by James L. Ferguson Professor of History Maurice Isserman and two alumni. Through the program, Professor Isserman said that his hope "is that the freshness, enthusiasm and clarity that students bring to writing about their own experiences will carry over into their more conventional academic/historic assignments."

Hamilton alumni Noelle Short '05 and John Morell '99, both veteran AA leaders, also had interests in leading a nature writing trip through the Adirondacks.

Professor Isserman, Short, Morell, and student leader Corinne Bancroft '10 led the students to Cranberry Lake. The week before Orientation, they set out into the mountain regions to begin their class focus on the history of exploration. During the trip, Professor Isserman required his students to journal about their daily experiences for later use in the course. Bancroft commented that even the leaders created topics for the journal exercises and wrote of their accounts along with the first year students.

Fortunately for the students, their experiences were anything but dull. Prepared to enjoy the serene nature of the Adirondacks, weather reared its nasty head and created a near emergency situation in the middle of the lake while the group was canoeing. Catherine Ferrara '11 noted that the storm was "the most significant memory for most of us." The storm became the subject for their first actual class assignment on campus.

Besides writing in their journals, students also shared their writings. Bancroft noted that hearing the thoughts written down by these students allowed the group to meet one another in an even more personal way. Professor Isserman has also observed that as the students grew closer as friends through the trip, they took an interest not only in the development of each individual's own writing but also in the improvement of the writing of their peers.

Even though Bancroft described her own first-year Adirondack Adventure experience from the previous year as one she would never want to replace, she

PHOTO COURTESY OF CORRINE BANCROFT '10

Members of Professor Isserman's Writing 110 Class worked on writing during Adirondack Adventure.

noted that the set up of the Cranberry Lake trip allowed students to form even stronger friendships. Selby McRae '11 said that after having bonded on her AA trip, she and her fellow adventurers have the opportunity to continue sharing their experiences in class.

It seems Professor Isserman's goal of better writing is also already being reached. "I can see my own writing improving every week," Jane Hannon '11 said.

Another perk to the class is the bonus trips the students attend. Already, the group has traveled back to the Adirondacks to climb Blue Mountain and kayak on Raquette Lake. The first weekend of October the students will embark on their greatest challenge, climbing Gothics, Armstrong, and Upper Wolf Jaw mountains in the High Peaks. As always, the students continue to record their adventures in their journals.

The class also had the opportunity on Tuesday, September 24, to have a private talk in class from Conrad Anker. Conrad Anker wrote the book *The Lost Explorer: Finding Mallory on Mount Everest* about his discovery of the body of George Mallory, a climber who disappeared in 1924 on his way to the summit. Until Anker's discovery in May of 1999, Mallory's disappearance was a mystery.

Not only is Anker an incredible adventurer, he also, as Professor Isserman notes, is able to write well about his adventures. He is "thus an ideal model for the students in the course," Professor Isserman said. While the class was able to have a private discussion with Anker, the entire campus was invited to a talk Tuesday night by the mountaineer.

The students take a break from writing to also read the works of other adventure writers. They will look at the journals from the Lewis and Clark expedition, read about Ernest Shackleton's voyage of the Endurance to the Antarctic in 1914, and the book by Anker and David Robert.

"Its very nice to be in such a small class where everyone knows each other well, and not only does the professor know our name, he knows us personally," Walter Cronkite '11 says of the class experience.

Marisa Low '11 feels that the Cranberry Lake group this year has had the most unique experience in coming to campus than any of their other classmates were offered. Providing the students with ample material to write about, the trip offered the chance for the students to ease into the Hamilton community and to jump start their college learning experience.

Bancroft expressed the hope of more trips similar to this one in the future. With the success of this year's Writing 110 course, chances are the Class of 2012 may have more adventures to write about.

Bon Appetit Keeps it Local for Hamilton Picnic

by Mallory Reed '10
News Editor

On September 25, the Hamilton Community enjoyed fresh food in the fresh air as a part of Bon Appetit's annual "Eat Local Challenge." Local producers within a 150-mile radius of campus supplied all ingredients for creative dishes as well as the natural decorations at the campus-wide picnic on the Dunham Quad.

According to Executive Chef Reuben Haag, "The Eat Local Challenge is an annual event that over 70 Bon Appetit accounts host on the same day to bring attention to the products that can be found locally." He thought the lunch was "very successful" as "The students, faculty, staff, and everyone who attended seemed to have a good time eating outside and the weather was great."

Amid baskets of decorative pumpkins, squash, and mums grown on local farms, Students and faculty perused a spread of dishes concocted from entirely local ingredients. A table devoted to inventive salads displayed a cucumber and tomato salad, grilled vegetable salad, and tomato basil mozzarella salad, each of which was created with greens and veggies from many different local farms. Hilltop Greenhouse in Bridgewater, New York, Norwich Meadows Farm in Norwich, New York, and Sunset Hills Farm in NewPort, New York were among the many local growers featured at "Eat Local Day."

Bon Appetit used entirely local ingredients for all salads and main dishes, down to the butter from Evans Farmhouse Creamery in Norwich, New York, oil from John Stoker in Cazenovia, New York, and honey from Kutilks in Norwich, New York.

Flying Pigs Farm in Shushan, New York provided pork for the apple cider pulled pork and maple smoked pork baked beans, and Norwich Meadows Farm supplied chicken for the honey and thyme roasted chicken. Many other local growers and farmers provided ingredients for menu options such as scallion corn cakes, tomatillo tomato salad gyros, sauteed garden vegetables, and maple buttered acorn squash.

Haag said that the "Eat Local Challenge" was the result of three weeks of extensive planning and a five-day staging and production process. Haag said that the Bon Appetit staff "started setting up the event at 5:00 on Saturday morning and was done cleaning up at about 7:30 that night."

Responsibility for the event went to Kathi Randall, one of the Commons Dining Hall Managers, and Diner Manager Lori Barone. Haag said that a staff of about 40 people from the Diner, McEwen, Commons, and the Pub came together to make the event possible.

Handouts on tables alerted students and staff to Bon Appetit's "Root Cellar," which features a large inventory including hundreds of different types of squash and pumpkins, 100 bushel assorted apples, and various onions, potatoes, and garlic.

Bon Appetit alerted the community to the food dedication to other ethical practices, such as chicken and turkey free of non-therapeutic antibiotics, hamburgers made from all natural ground chuck beef, and certified cage free eggs. Ice cream in the Hamilton dining halls comes from local Byrne Dairy and is free of any added hormones.

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Bon Appetit's Eat Local Challenge was crunchy, sweet, and tart with an abundance of apples from local orchards

Haag said, "There were many comments about how nice it was to have the local products and those that produced them there at the event." He added, " Bon Appetit is continuing to find and use local products in our daily operations, and we are looking forward to more events like this in the future."

It's Working But Where Did It Come From?
Two Years Looking Back at the Points System

by Bessia Taliaferro '10
News Writer

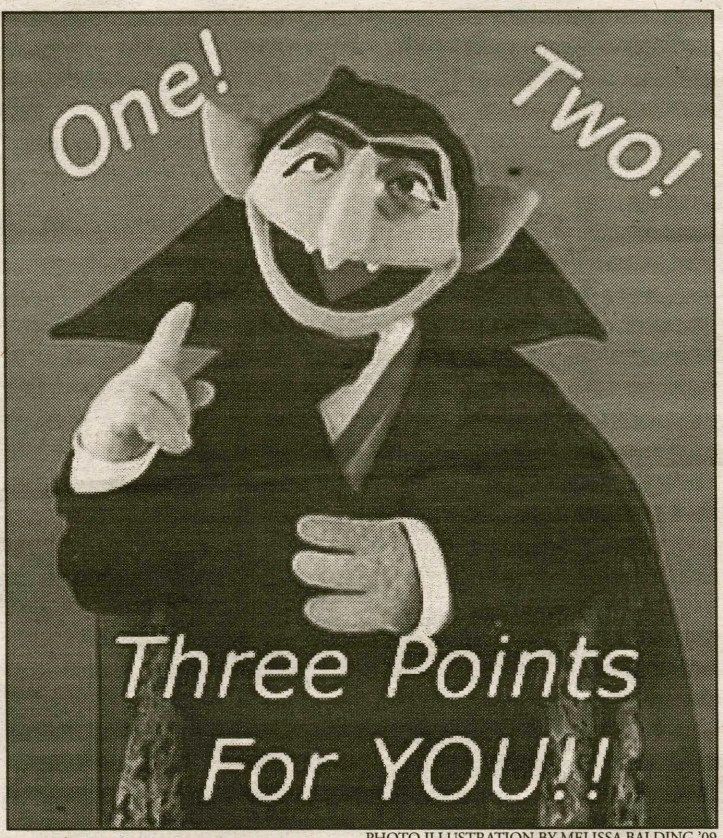
Two years ago, Hamilton College began assigning points for bad behavior in what is known as the "Point System." According to the handbook, the system was designed "to make the disciplinary sanctioning process clearer, more consistent, and more predictable for the students." Although for underclassmen it seems as though the system has always been in place, it is a relatively recent addition to Hamilton's disciplinary system.

The inspiration for the system came out of the Adler Conference three years ago. The organized topic for the conference was alcohol, but the ambiguity of the judicial system and alcohol-related offenses dominated the conversation. At the time, the standard punishments were verbal warnings, written warnings, and then probation, which could last anywhere from one semester to two years. Students were frustrated with the vagueness of the system.

Because of frustration, Hamilton created the point system through a subcommittee of the President's Coalition on Alcohol and Other Drugs. The sanctions of the old system translated into the new system: for example, what was a verbal warning became the equivalent of one or two points; a written warning became two to five points, probation became six points, and separation from the college (either suspension or expulsion) became ten points. The committee behind the system met frequently throughout a semester to ensure that no point assignment exceeded the preview system's penalty.

Now it is fairly common knowledge among students how many points each offense will receive. Because of this, students can adjust their behavior accordingly. The system, which is comprehensively outlined in the Student Handbook, gives students clear behavioral reference points.

Additionally, two points are forgiven six months after the date of the most recent violation as long as the student does not commit any further offenses. This allows for students to make up for previous offenses. Points are only assigned after the end of a judicial or administrative hearing, and parents are only contacted if the penalty is four or more points. The College will also contact parents if a pending offense could potentially result in suspension or expulsion. This is consistent with the terms of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.



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While the Count would be happy to give out more points, currently only 73 students have the pleasure.

The judicial panel does have the right to give sanctions other than points to certain offenses, including restitution for damages, mandatory educational workshop for substance-related misconduct, loss of status in the housing lottery, and residence hall transfer or removal.

According to Jeff Landry, the director of Residential Life, when the system was installed, the point system was a practical and successful solution to a vague system: "the result has been far fewer incident reports and judicial hearings, and for the previous two years there has been a reduction in damage and vandalism by about half." Currently only 73 students have points.

The Alcohol Coalition reviews the point system regularly and will continue to do so this year.

The SA Update

A biweekly report on the Hamilton College Student Assembly

This week the SA is proud to announce:

-We're working to get basic breakfasts (bagels, spreads, etc) in McEwen on the weekends.
-We're working to get the Health Center opened on the weekends.
-The Saranac Brewery trip will be on October 20th. You'll receive more info via e- mail.
-Fall Fest is October 7th from 12-3 PM.
-The Facilities Committee is running a movie contest. Contact gray@hamilton.edu for details.
-The Diversity & Accessibility Committee is planning a trip to NYC, a film festival in November, an international bazaar, and a panel on globalization in the workplace.

-As always, the weekly minutes contain more detailed news.

The President's Report:

Welcome back, alumni!

The Assembly and its committees are off to another busy semester. If you have any questions or suggestions for the Assembly, e-mail sa, slombard, or rmessier

Yours,

Stuart Lombardi & Ryan Messier
President & Vice President of the Student Assembly

Charity Wing Eating Contest in Memory of Andrew Sheridan

*from **Wing Contest**, pg 1*

and professors. The contest will be capped at 90 entries, so prospective conteststants are urged to get there early. Admission is free for spectators, but, as Chuff explained, "donations at the door will be much appreciated."

The contest will feature an elimination round followed by a final round. The sponsors have purchased 22,000 medium wings for the contest from New York Pizza & Deli (NYPD) in New Harford, NY. Soda and water will be provided for the contestants. The top three finishers in the contest will win prizes. The winner will receive a trophy.

A second event will take place around the corner at the Glen House from 5:30 p.m. until dark. This event will also be soccer themed. A soccer goal will be defended by a host of Hamilton administrators, including Dean of Students Nancy Thompson and Assistant Dean of Students Phil Klinkner. Students will be able to take shots on goal for 50 cents a shot.

A raffle open to everyone on campus will be held in conjunction with the wing-eating contest. Prizes, such as dinner at Alteri's Restaurant, have been donated by a number of vendors in the Clinton community. Tickets will be on sale Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Beinecke Events Barn. The raffle drawing will take place after the awarding of the trophy to the wing-eating champion Thursday night.

This event means a great deal to the friends of Sheridan and they intend to keep his memory alive by hosting an event true to his spirit and passions. Chuff explained, "We want to keep everyone mindful of everything Sheridan did for the community and the type of person he was."

Friends are also hopeful that the Cornhill Youth Soccer Program will eventually be named after Sheridan.

The event will last until roughly 8:30 p.m. Any questions regarding the event shoudl be directed to Chuff (mcuff@hamilton.edu.)

Hamilton Hogwash: Investigating College Legends

Lunchtime Laxatives and Stinky Ginkgos

by Laura Mattison '10
Insights & Ideas Columnist

Each week we track down the truth behind a few of those crazy campus tall tales, interrogating the authorities and asking around. E-mail me with your Hamilton fables and I might investigate them!

The Myth: Laxatives in Your Lunch

Does Bon Appetit add laxatives to our food? It's actually a pretty common college dining hall rumor. There are two main variations on the justification for this foul forcing of feces. The first involves a phantom law mandating that, when serving large numbers of people, laxatives must be used in case the food is contaminated with bacteria that would make people have... diarrhea. Anyway, the second story says that kids eat really poorly at college and so need laxatives to keep them "regular."

The Investigation: I spoke with several Bon Appetit staff who proceeded to laugh in my face. I laughed too and acted like I had never believed that it might be true. Eventually, I had a chat with a head honcho, Patrick Raynard, General Manager, in one of those fancy recycled booths in McEwen.

"I hear it every year, from parents as well as students. No. Absolutely not." He leans in with a tired smile. "We're not supposed to medicate students. Absolutely not."

He also told me about the constant improvements Bon Appetit has made over the years. They try to buy more local food and food with less processing, steadily eliminating pesticides and preservatives.

The Truth: No laxatives, and certainly no New York State law.

The Myth: Stinky Trees for Stewart

The rumor goes that President Stewart made Physical Plant pretty mad, and so they took their vengeance by planting "stinky" ginkgo trees around her house. These stinky ginkgos supposedly produce a noxious odor that would drive anybody mad.

The Investigation: After extensive internet research (a.k.a. Wikipedia and Google), I discovered that the stinky ginkgo biloba is actually the female plant that produces seeds. These seeds ripen in autumn and contain a chemical that smells like rancid butter. With this knowledge, I popped in for President Stewart's open hour in O2 to ask her if she noticed any stinky ginkgos.

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Did Physical Plant try to get back at President Stewart by putting a stinky ginko in her yard?

"What?" She stared at me for a few awkward seconds.

"Um... Stinky ginkgos?..." More silence.

"No. I haven't noticed anything." More silence. "But I did have a bat invade the house during a dinner party." (For the rest of that story, you should pop in to Open Hour.) So, she hadn't noticed a stench.

With the President's permission, I went down the hill to investigate for myself. Her neighbors denied ever smelling anything unpleasant wafting from the Presidential Palace, but I did discover one female ginkgo on the property. Sample in hand, I returned to my WWII bunker. Do they stink? Oh god yes. When you burst these ripened seeds they stink.

The next step was to call Physical Plant and confront them. Of course, they denied everything, feigning ignorance. They also pointed out that the ginkgo in question must be over 20 years old. Most ginkgos do not produce fruit until they are over 20, and so the planters might not have known that they were planting a female rather than a less pungent male. Michael Mahanna, Grounds Foreperson, couldn't explain why no one would have noticed the stench, but he did mention that they do fall clean up, disposing of all the leaves and plant detritus. This might keep the smell down until snowfall.

The truth: is out there. I don't believe that Physical Plant would purposefully plant a stinky ginkgo that wouldn't fruit for 20 years, no matter how mad they were at a former President. Especially when they could just put bats in their house.

Have any myths that you want investigated? E-mail Laura Mattison at lmattiso.

Thumbs up	Thumbs down	Who cares?
- Eat Local Challenge: The real challenge is to see how many gourds you can smuggle in your pants. - Hamilton Girls' Soccer is nationally ranked! Now a list of people who can suck it as a result: William Smith, Nazareth, Colgate, Union, Skidmore, Utica, the football team, the writing center, Bon Appetit, Kaillie Briscoe, the Patriots, David Beckham, Voldemort, townies, Michael Vick and Capoeira. - The Big White Crane: Helping us forget our big black phallus. - Silent Disco: I couldn't find any shrooms and I still had a blast.	- Townies crashing the DKE party: Come on guys! You don't see us breaking into your trailers, huffing all your spray paint, and trying to make-out with your cousins, do you? - Moochers: Why waste money on toiletries when your roommates lay out a delicious tooth paste buffet for you each morning? - DSJP lectures on disease: If I wanted to be depressed, I'd watch Milbank try to have another crawl. - Sex in public! When being a slut on your own time just isn't enough! by Stephen Allinger '09 & Sarah Cornblath '08	- Joan Hinde climbs the rock wall with legendary climber Conrad Anker. For her next trick, Joan will completely vanish until her next publicity stunt. - Gym Class Heroes: Great show, but just because you threw some sweaty towels at us does not mean you get to make off with some of our women-folk. - iService desk: You can skip the e-mail telling us your back up, just stay down. - The Alexander Hamilton Institute: Now that that situation is resolved, I can finally sleep again.

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Six Small Issues We Have With Our Alma Mater

We love our college and all things considered, we don't have a lot to complain about. Still, we think KJ isn't the only thing in need of a little work around here.

I. Hamilton still isn't need-blind.

Despite having smaller endowment-per-student ratios than we do, our friends at Duke, Brown and Middlebury have figured out how to make admissions need-blind. Here's hoping we learn from their example.

II. Out of state, out of luck

If home isn't driving distance from Hamilton, you should expect trouble getting to airports and back. Also, if you can't make it home for those short breaks like Thanksgiving, don't expect anything more from your Hamilton holiday than the privilege of paying $5 a meal for dining hall food.

III. Rampant Careerism

Whether we're listening to econ majors drone on about polishing their resumes for Goldman or getting e-mails from the career center about seminars on networking, we can't help but feel the need to remind people that we're a liberal arts school. Seriously, why must you poke at the glorious bubble of post-modernism, cheap beer and a cappella groups that protects us from New Hartford?

IV. The alumni gym.

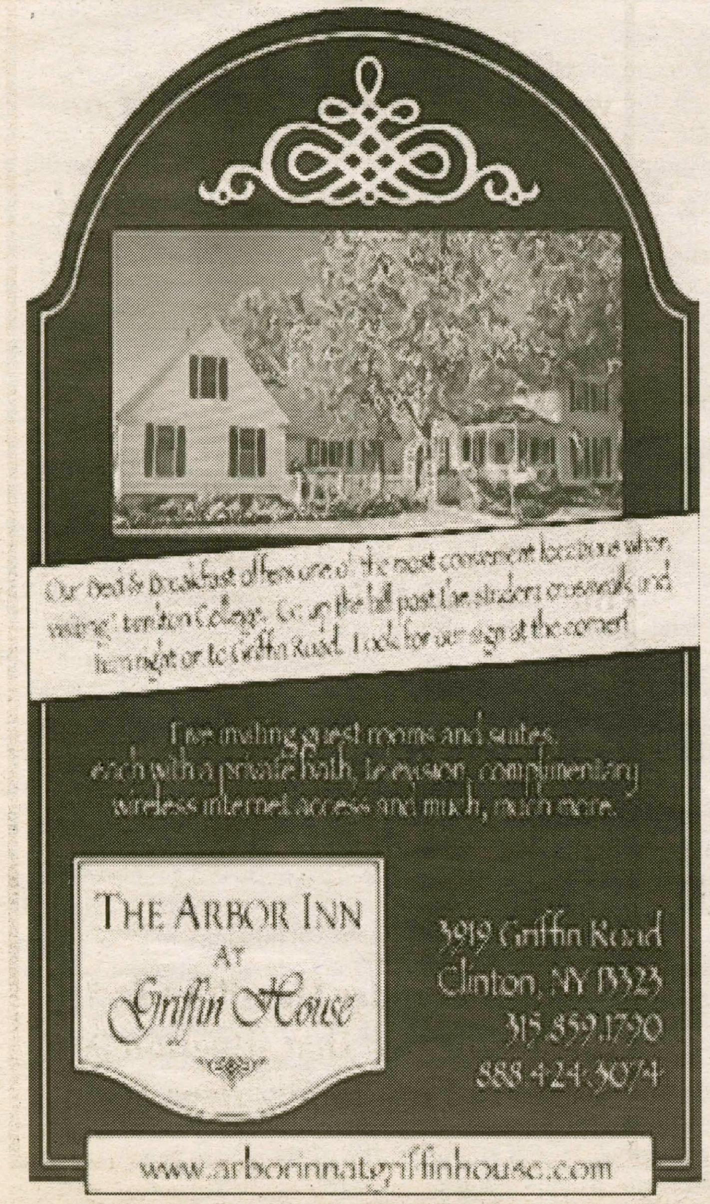
Our little slice of Utica? Seriously, it looks like Los Alamos, post-nuke.

V. Commons' Main Entrees

If we wanted a chicken or pasta dish for a main course, we'd go to the pasta bar or the grill. We aren't going to look the other way when you take shortcuts just because your tuna is dolphin-free.

VI. Low attendance at rugby games.

Maybe we could try supporting the team that doesn't lose to those Hippie bastards over at Wesleyan AND those Ivy rejects over at Tufts.



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"I don't think I've ever had someone hate me before. I mean, I've known people who hate white people, but not me personally."
- White female

"This is like high school with beer!"
- Female first-year

"Dude, I could get with any girl in this room."
- First-year guy at Hub party.

"Well, if you're going to lose your virginity this weekend, we might as well find you somebody cute."
- First-year female

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This is a story, in parts and in lies. Part of what will be told is as things have happened, to me or others. But most is either how I remember it or how I want to remember it. It's hard to tell the difference most of the time. But reader, it's all honest.

I came here as an escape. In some ways I'm escaping from my parents, I'm mostly escaping myself – from who I was back in high school: way too shy, way too weird. I did sports there, and still do. I've joined the crew team, and I don't see ever quitting. But college is a chance to remake oneself into who one wants to be. What I really seem to have escaped, though, is myself. I don't even know who I am anymore, never mind who these people I've surrounded myself with are.

August seems so far away. I spent the first few weeks integrating myself into the circles I told myself I'd be happier in. Now I'm drowning in them. It seems like it's too late to escape it all. I've purposely kept enough distance from the kind of kids I used to be friends with so I didn't get dragged down with them again. Not this time around. I know I can belong if I just get the chance.

I don't think that boy upstairs is really into me. We flirt, or I think we do. But even though most nights he hangs out in my room, he leaves when my roommates go to bed. Maybe he doesn't realize I stay up to give him the chance to kiss me? Kiss me again, I mean.

August seems so far away. In August, I still thought drinking meant you were a bad person. I seem to be the only one here with that stigma. Through September I raced by a ton of firsts. First beer, first shot, first night out to 3 a.m. First time getting drunk, first time blacking out. First time throwing up, first hangover. First time pooling $10 with my roommates to get a handle of nasty vodka. First room party, first time knocking drinks over on my computer. If the list seems too fast it's because I feel as if I'm falling down a well and can't stop myself. Would my parents even recognize me? I don't. It's funny, because I feel like I'm getting what I wanted. But there have been so many mornings already where I have woken up hating myself. I don't know. It's probably just the hangover.

I know if he'd just kiss me, I'd be fine. We'd go to dances together, have meals together. Maybe at some point I'd even start sleeping over in his room! Girls around here seem to do that. One night, one of my roommates didn't come home, and we all laughed about it. She's been after this guy for a while, so I guess she's pretty happy. I guess he'll text her tonight to hang out like she says he said he would. I'm a little jealous. Is she really that much prettier than me?

I think that boy upstairs likes me. There was a girl earlier in the semester, but he told me he wasn't interested and they didn't do anything. I'm not sure I believe him. His roommate told me she'd been hanging out in their room a lot. But then again, I've done that and he didn't try anything then. I wonder: if he did, would I sleep over before we were dating? Or would that mean we were dating? I don't get the rules around here. It doesn't seem to be the same as back in high school. If you did a quarter of the things with a guy that the girls do around here, at least you knew you were dating. So would I sleep over? I don't really know. At least it wouldn't be the first time I'd lied to my parents.

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War on Terror or Genocide?

by Joshua Meah '10
Insights & Ideas Contributor

I know it's tricky, and it's definitely a pretty alarming thought, but could it be possible that the current U.S. occupation of the Middle East is, in fact, a genocide?

I think so. There are a few reasons.

First, between Afghanistan, Iraq, and the US assistance of Israel in damaging Palestine, the US has been responsible for hundreds of thousands of Arab deaths. While "genocide" as a term is most commonly associated with the massacres of 6 million Jews in WWII, 800,000 Tutsis at the hands of the Hutus in Rwanda in 1994 (the genocide took 100 days), and now the several hundreds of thousands of deaths in Darfur of the Africans at the hands of Arabs (also a significantly shorter time than a US occupation of the Middle East), one can nonetheless make a case.

Historically, genocides have taken place swiftly and en masse. Copious amounts of a population have been wiped off the planet in such short amounts of time that we usually are only able to call the situation a genocide in retrospect. However, in the case of the US, in total, hundreds of thousands of Arabs have died. While these deaths have taken place over the span of several years, I think this simply requires a redefinition of genocide, but not necessarily a denial of what the US war on terror actually seems to be.

Remember that "traditional" genocide has been executed through the hands of highly centralized leadership. In all of the examples mentioned, the leaders have had unquestioned control of the military, which makes carrying out missions at a blitzkrieg pace highly feasible. However, by comparison, the bureaucratic nature of the US government requires that war takes a longer length of time to execute; moreover, it is the nature of a democracy to require the government to handle wars with care in order to maintain current public support of the administration. The result is that genocide at the hands of a democracy takes significantly longer to carry out as budget appropriations, armament buildups, war approval, and mission execution takes place only after going through many different stages. There is a big difference between a genocide executed by a democracy, and a genocide executed by an authoritarian state. Nonetheless, how many hundreds of thousands of people need to die before we are willing to ask ourselves these questions?

Note though, that I am not contending that this is a genocide committed by our troops! Instead, I am placing question with the leadership. Our troops have been willing to die in order to protect our nation from terror, and because of that, they can never be called anything other than heroes!

That said, it is the job of the commander-in-chief to be responsible for military objectives. In this case, at least in terms of deaths that have not yielded positive outcomes, I would go past calling this occupation a failed war and consider calling it a genocide. This might particularly be the case if the US considers further invasion of Iran. Think about it. That would mean a war against four different Arab states at the exact same time. And what would be our reason?

Personally, I fear our current occupation has more to do with Haliburton contracts, George W. Bush's vendettas, fear of Islam, and energy dependency than I'd like to imagine. Nonetheless, as a proud American, I think we can do better.

It must begin now, though. The US government can only act if the American people let it. If the current Bush Administration is committing genocide, then the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Iraqis should rest on the American conscience. Scratch that - it should rest on the consciences of every individual American. We should begin to consider our responsibility, as Americans, for one of the worst massacres in the past century.

Guantanamo: Why Would We Keep Silent?

by Kye Lippold '10
Insights & Ideas Writer

On September 20, 43 United States Senators blocked a vote on the Habeas Corpus Restoration Act of 2007, a bill that would have extended the right of trial in the United States to enemy combatants in US detention at Guantanamo Bay. The legal process for those whom the United States calls terrorists will remain the same: trial by a military tribunal, with no guarantee of representation or security from false evidence, followed by the distant hope of appeal.

It is surprising to me that after the numerous reports of irregularities in the tribunal process that led up to the dismissal of charges against two detainees this summer, the US detention program would continue. Yet the vote in the Senate showed that there is not a large enough majority of American lawmakers to demand a solid program of justice for terrorist suspects.

This opposition in Congress cannot be chalked up simply to partisan politics (even though Democrats unanimously approved restoration of habeas corpus, while only six Republicans defected from their party position against it). The same divides in opinion about treatment of terrorists appear in the American mass public. The most recent polling on the issue, conducted by CNN on June 22, found that 46 percent of Americans wanted Guantanamo to continue to operate, while 45 percent wanted the prison to close. This speaks to a relatively deep divide about the issue of terrorist treatment, one that calls for a rational consideration of the worth of our current system.

Habeas corpus has been crucial, historically, to prevent tyrants of all stripes from imprisoning their opponents on a whim.

Several reasons have been enumerated for keeping terrorists in Guantanamo Bay without access to US courts. One is that the detainees pose a threat to the United States and are too dangerous to move. However, this assumption is undercut when we consider an analysis of the composition of Guantanamo prisoners by lawyers Mark and Joshua Denbeaux, who reviewed the evidence against detainees in 2006 and found that 55 percent of detainees have never committed acts of violence against the United States, while 60 percent of detainees have only loose associations to terrorist groups. The Defense Department released a document in May alleging that 30 prisoners from Guantanamo have rejoined terrorist groups to fight US forces after detention, but their evidence has been rendered suspect because the prisoners they refer to were never recorded to have attended the camp or are still known to be imprisoned there.

Another argument against giving detainees the right to challenge their detention in ordinary courts is that doing so will bog down the court system while opening the door to amnesty. Again, given that only fourteen out of several hundred detainees in Guantanamo are considered high risk, it becomes clear that the greater good would be much better served by allowing hundreds of innocent people the opportunity to legitimately escape their imprisonment; bureaucratic concerns can hardly be justified as a worthy alternative to freedom. Amnesty is also not a concern if the United States government has the strong evidence that they claim about the most dangerous detainees. Furthermore, I find it hard to imagine that an American court would feel compelled to adopt a stringent standard of proof against alleged terrorists, given the widespread understanding that another terrorist attack cannot be allowed to occur. But what is needed is the process of legitimate review of evidence, not biased procedures where evidence gained through torture or hearsay is admissible, or where detainees are imprisoned based on spurious charges.

Finally, even if we assume that the program in Guantanamo is necessary to preserve order and keep America safe, and does not treat detainees negatively, we could reject the method because it offers tremendous opportunity for corrupt and undemocratic behavior. The idea of habeas corpus, or freedom until being charged with a crime, has been crucial historically to prevent tyrants of all stripes from imprisoning their opponents on a whim. The same goes for open, civilian trials. Even if the United States government had the best of intentions when imposing these methods, we would still be putting ourselves very much at risk to consolidation of power in the future. After all, we now have a precedent for the developing torturous techniques and locking suspects away in times of emergency, and emergency is a dangerously arbitrary concept.

Given the uncertainty of guilt for Guantanamo detainees, as well as the flaws in the methods used against them, it is hard to assert that American safety depends on sticking to a hard line against habeas corpus. If anything, toeing a hard line makes our way of life unsafe.

This column is part of an ongoing series intended to raise awareness at Hamilton College about human rights concerns around the world. It is written with support from the Hamilton chapter of Amnesty International, which meets at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays in ELS 102.

Rhymes with Islam

by James Head '08 and Matt Linden '08
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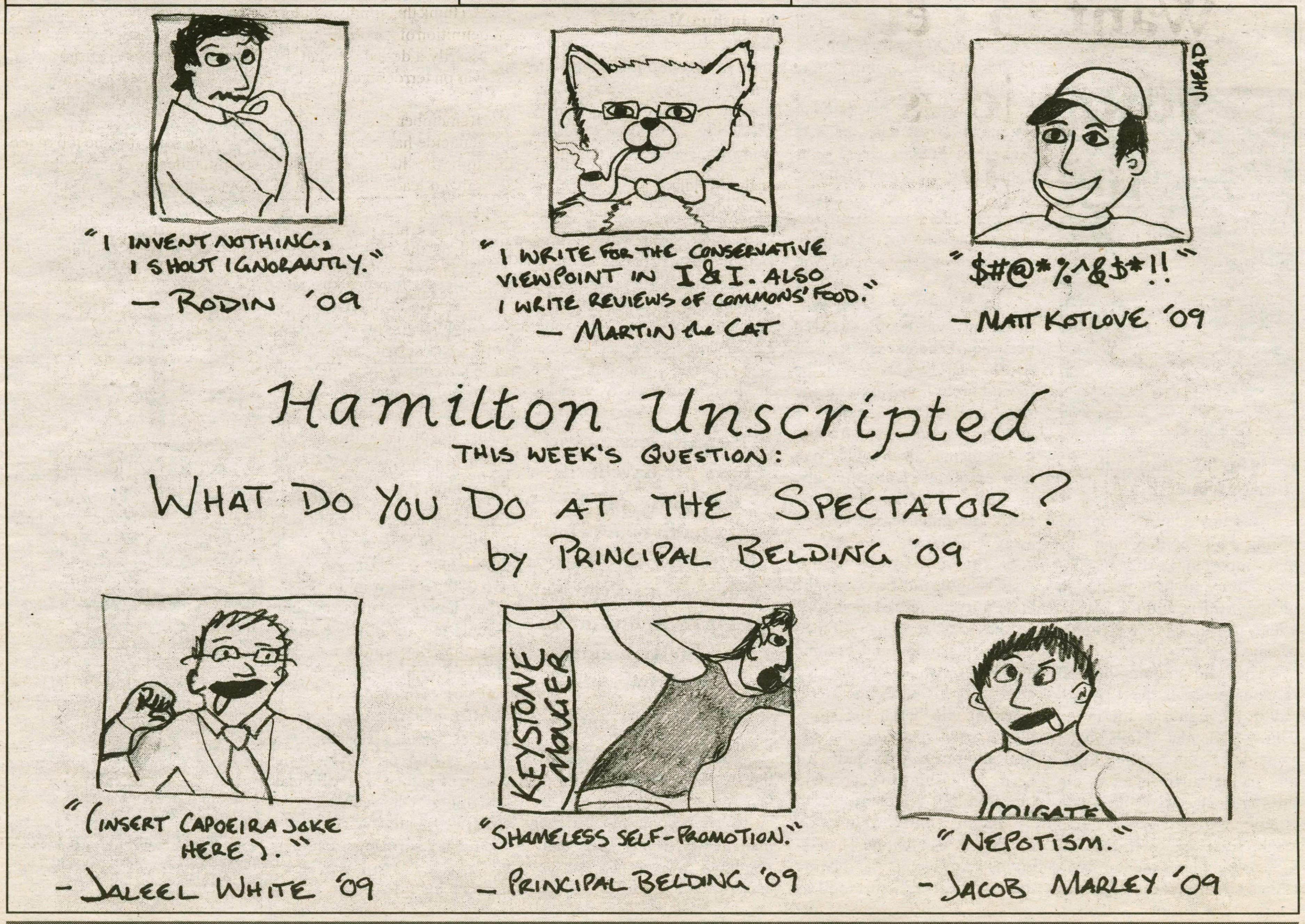

Introducing ... *The Hamilton's Slash/Yaoi Club:*

By Rebekah Mintzer '09
Features Editor

"Wow, that is so slashy..." exclaimed one girl who attended last Saturday's meeting of the Slash/Yaoi Appreciation Club. The club, which meets weekly in the KJ Red Pit, is devoted to the watching of "slash," media that portrays veiled homosexuality it its characters.

Today the group is composed of four people, but attendance varies each week from as little as two to as many as seven people. The media form of choice for today's meeting is a Spanish language film entitled *Queens*, which details the adventures and misadventures of gay male couples and their families. The couples featured in the film are getting married in Spain's first mass same-sex wedding ceremony. Though this is a movie about homosexual men, the club members explain that it does not qualify as slash or yaoi.

"This movie is not really slashy, because it is explicitly, not implicitly, gay," said Kyla Gorman '09, an enthusiast who founded the Slash/Yaoi club back in Spring 2006.

Real slash is named for the "/" put between the characters' names in the world of fandom, who can be perceived to be implicitly gay. Yaoi, on the other hand, which translates into "boy's love" in Japanese, is manga or anime with gay themes, popular in Japan.

Slash, according to fans, can be found thoroughout pop culture. Commonly cited examples are Spike/Xander (aka "Spander") from Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Draco/Harry or Sirius/Remus from the Harry

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Dr. House and Dr. Wilson: "Slashy" or just good friends?

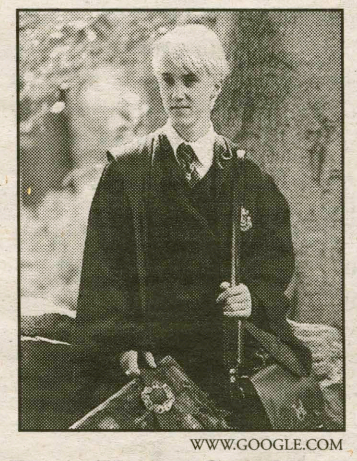
Potter series and films, Bartelby/Loki from the Kevin Smith film *Dogma*, and most recently Dr. House/Dr. Wilson on the popular series *House*. These couples are celebrated in online fan-fiction, where fans write stories about couples, and in online fan groups. In the case of Hamilton's Slash/Yaoi club, slash is appreciated through weekly viewings of movies or t.v. shows that contain "slashy" undertones.

Sometimes TV writers and producers even take slash fans' requests into consideration. According to the Hamilton club, a recent survey on Fox's website indicated that the couple that fans would most want to see on House is a Wilson/House pairing. Since then, the writers of the show have been throwing in hints about a possible Wilson/House coupling though it seems unlikely that it would ever actually happen.

"Sometimes t.v. writers throw in little tidbits to appease slash fans. They've been doing that on House," said Debbi Pless '09, another club member.

When asked why she started the club, Kyla Gorman responded, "It's a hobby thing." She continued, "it's like having a club devoted to chick-flicks. It's an emotional thing that appeals to women that also has a cultural and historical purpose."

Surprisingly enough, Slash/Yaoi has little to do



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Draco/Harry: Can they work magic as a pair?

with directly advocating the gay community.

"I would say it's mostly for enjoyment, although our members do highly support the gay community," said Gorman. "The thing is, we're not a political group. We're not even a gay social group. We're there to enjoy a particular genre of media. So the club is about the media."

As one of the lesser known clubs on campus, the Slash/Yaoi Club can be easily misunderstood, but the club represents a subculture on the Hamilton campus, as well as in society at large, as fanbases for movies and television become increasingly cohesive and interactive.

Lotions & Potions: Deal Breakers @Target

By Elizabeth Kosar '10
Beauty Columnist

So Target is basically my paradise. I would move in if I could. I mean, how many stores are there where you can get cute shoes, lip gloss, and Doritos? I'm also a college student, which means I'm cost-sensitive. I mean seriously, where is my tuition money going? So while I can appreciate higher-end products, I love the stuff Target sells. It means I can have low-cost, without sacrificing quality.

Maybelline Great Lash

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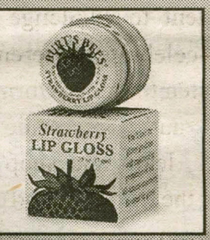
This is a classic product because it works and it doesn't cost as much as a kidney. It's sophisticated without being trendy. It's basically the little black dress of make-up as opposed to the black satin shorts. Which don't look good.

Burt's Bees Fruit Flavored Lip Gloss, Strawberry



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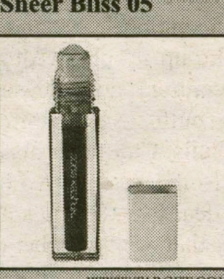
Ok, so I totally remember that last week the guys told us that they are not really pro fruit-flavored lip gloss. But when you're not making out with someone, or maybe you found a guy who does like the berry thing this works really well.

Sonia Kashuk® Lip and Cheek Tint - Sheer Bliss 05



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For the sexy, flushed, I just rolled out of bed look try this cheek tint. You can also put it on your lips, for color that won't rub off when you get back into bed.

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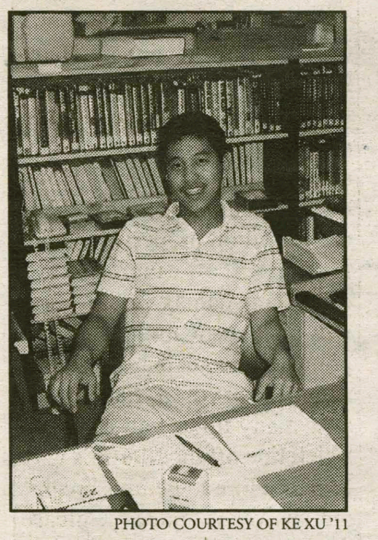
What if you could have smooth, soft skin without having to use lotion? Awesome, right? This stuff works, man.

From Where I Sit: Meaningful Mooncake

By Ke Xu '11
Features Writer



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Ke is an international student from China.

Besides Chunjie or the Spring Festival in China, the most important festival in Chinese culture might be Zhongqiu or the Mid-autumn Festival, which just took place a couple of days ago.

The Mid-autumn Festival is celebrated on the fifteenth day of the eighth month in the Chinese calendar. It falls on the same day as the Autumn Equinox in the solar calendar. On this particular day, the moon is thought to be the fullest and brightest of the year. The full moon symbolizes the family in China, so Mid-autumn Festival is a reunion of family members. (Just like Thanksgiving here in the States.)

People believe that the Mid-autumn Festival dates back to more than three thousand years ago during the Zhou Dynasty. How it started is unknown; however, there are several versions of the origin of the festival. Here is the one that is most well known.

Once there were ten suns in the universe. People suffered because of the excess of heat and the scarcity of water. Yi, the legend archer, had nine of the suns shot down. Therefore, a goddess rewarded Yi with a special medicine, which could make him immortal. Unfortunately, his apprentice knew about the medicine and tried to steal it away while Yi was absent. Yi's wife, the beloved and beautiful Chang'e, did not want the apprentice to get the medicine, so she drank it. Chang'e then flew to the moon and became a goddess. Alone, Yi lamented the loss of his wife. Therefore, when people heard the story, they started gathering on the Mid-autumn day to pray for Chang'e, wishing to get protection from this kind lady.

In the United States, we eat turkey to celebrate Thanksgiving (Are we nice and being thankful?) In China, food is highly valued as an important part of the culture, so people surely have special food on this special day. Moon cake! I guess some of you might say, "Yeah, I know what you are talking about. We can get it once a week from Commons." You are wrong! That moon cake is something called half-moon cookie with nothing but sugar in it. Moon cake, on the hand, is usually a round pastry around four cm high and with a diameter of five cm. (For some reason, moon cakes get bigger in size each year, which might be an interesting topic over in the

> **"Nevertheless, nowadays, we have lotus seed paste, jujube paste, five-kernel, fruit, even ice-cream (more than a little bit of sugar) in our moon cakes. Pretty luxurious and delicious, eh?"**

econ department). A paste fills the Inside of its one cm-crust. Over the years, the recipe for the paste has become much richer than it was twenty years ago. My mom always tells me that back when she was in college, there was only sweet bean paste inside. Nevertheless, nowadays, we have lotus seed paste, jujube paste, five-kernel, fruit, even ice-cream (more than a little bit of sugar) in our moon cakes. Pretty luxurious and delicious, eh?

On the night of the Mid-autumn Festival, family members gather to have tea while eating the delicious moon cakes. (Just like what about thirty of us did two nights ago outside of Kirkland: it was not a fire alarm!) The little kids enjoy listening to the legend of Yi, and they always ask creative questions, which adults are too old to think about. Many places in China will hang lanterns to decorate the streets, temples, and palaces of the past. I am from Nanjing, a city well known for its lanterns at Mid-Autumn. One day last year, some 450,000 people went to see the ornate lanterns at the Confucius Temple by the Qinghuai River. (You may find a picture of Qinghuai River in the front page of the latest Hamiltonian.)

I have said enough about the festival. I know everyone misses home as I do, especially in the season of gathering. (Fall break is coming! Oh, yeah!) Let us wish our friendships never end, and the love of family members never ceases even when we are not side-by-side.

Come to Hamilton's First Ever International Bazaar!

By Bianca Dragan '10
Features Editor

Congo's Eastern neighbor is India. Romania's Western neighbor is Nepal. One Hamilton student craves to lick her fingers after tasting the delicious chicken curry. A Hamilton alumnus admires a Tibetan prayer flag. A Hamilton professor asks about the Tanzanian original painting. The Hamilton's McEwen and Commons staffs admire the earrings made of coconut shells. Even the Physical Plant staff is there to peep at the hand made Nepali magic calendar. President Stewart stopped at one table to admire a beautiful Tanzanian wall hanging. Dean Urgo buys a Congo folk music cd. Martin's Way cat showed up as well and stalks the MINAR restaurant, waiting for a clumsy sophomore girl to drop some really delicious Indian food on the ground. Meow, success!!

Come Saturday, September 29, between 1 and 6 p.m. on the Dunham Quad under the huge white tent to challenge geography, celebrate different culture, listen to live performances and eat authentic ethnic food! Explore, learn and shop while helping the Underground Café, a student-run coffee shop, art space and civic engagement center in Utica! The table fee the vendors pay ($20 for one person, $25 for two people sharing a table) goes to Underground Café to help them host youth-initiated and organized activities such as art exhibits, leadership courses, open mike nights, break dancing lessons, homework help, jazz concerts, social change workshops and panel discussions. The Underground Café is certainly not your typical Starbucks. They are still looking for donations; anything from café equipment, audio-visual and event equipment, and furniture to decorations or money donations would greatly make a difference. If you would like to help the Underground Café with a donation, please email *uground@hamilton.edu* or visit their table at the International Bazaar.

A multi-cultural atmosphere will take over this weekend at Hamilton College's International Bazaar. While you shop for a traditional dish cooked by Hamilton students or Minar restaurant, jewelry, tapestries, clothing, t-shirts from student, huge hand made pencils, you can enjoy live performances from the Cazenovia College student Cha Cha and Hamilton College student Max Akuamoah-Boateng '09 playing Ghanaian music using genuine drums from Ghana! Capoeira, Tropical Sol, Tumbling After and Finesse will also perform! Also, between 2:30 and 4 an OPEN MIC SESSION will provide other members of the Hamilton community the opportunity to dance, act, read poetry, stage a short play or be a comedian!

Fallcoming Weekend (September 27 - September 30) will focus on diversity and "Multicultural Life on the Hill – Then and Now" so the International Bazaar fits perfectly in the schedule. A rich calendar of events is planned during this weekend so keep your eyes and ears open and postpone writing that paper for late Sunday. You don't want to be buried under calc textbooks this weekend! Leave your forks at home, be prepared to eat with five fingers and move gracefully to Ghanaian music, ask the vendors questions about their culture, don't forget to take your wallet with you and do some serious shopping!

The International Students' Association (ISA) and Diversity and Accessibility Committee organize the International Bazaar with the help of the Student Assembly and Dean of Students' Office.

Online Shopping: It's Party Time!

by Fenglin Zhao '10
Features Writer

My weekend fun usually starts an hour before I go out. Most people agonize over what she or he should wear and how her make-up should be done. I, on the contrary, take pleasure in picking outfits and ruminating over details. Call me a masochist but I once waited two hours for my dear friend to pick a pair of shoes that went with her dress and was totally fine with it. As a woman, I understand the compulsion for perfection. My iconic role model Angie Dickinson once said: " women dress for women and undress for men." In disagreement, I think women dress for themselves. There is nothing more important than feeling good about yourself.

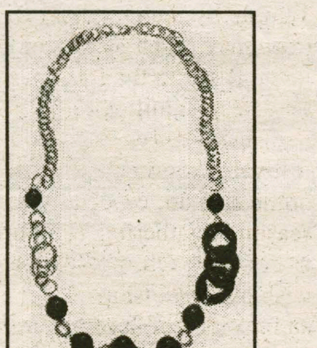
Forget about parties that are sparsely filled with cute men. Do justice to your Friday night by picking a killer outfit instead!

1. Do something to diversify your tank top.

I know it's hard to let go parties' favorite choice, but wearing a gorgeous tank top isn't exactly the most effective way to stand out among 20 other less gorgeous tank tops. Think about long necklaces and vests!

Kimchi& Blue Saville Vest ($58, urbanoutfitters.com)

Gold Room Mixed link necklace ($15, urbanoutfitters.com)



2. Keep your denim in the closet for once.

They make too frequent appearances that they need a weekend off too! Put on a little dress, the one with which you know will earn you multiple free drinks and pleasant attention.

Blouson Chic by Mango ($69, mangoshop.com)

P.S. First Mango store has just opened in Manhattan!

3. The more revealing the better, the girlier the better? Not necessarily.

Take a walk down the red carpet at Academy Awards or at the Cannes, you will realize that cleavages and sexy backs get boring after awhile. That's why Giorgio Armani made Julia Roberts wear a suit at the Golden Globes in 1990. Unisex looks at parties are refreshing and never fail to catch my attention if properly manipulated. Lindsay may have problems controlling her substance abuse, but she definitely knows how to put herself together in other spotlights.

Embroidered Plaid Jacket ($34.8, forever21.com)

The Gilded Bikes Tell Their Story

By Gabriela M. Frias'08
Features Writer

"Maybe it was September's golden leaves that inspired the wheel-gilding, but whatever took him, it took him entirely, and he was fated to leave a great golden streak on campus." Charles Palanza '10, the current president of the Gilded Bike Guild, was talking about the Guild's founder, Drew LaFiandra '07, and one of his contributions to the campus.

The Guild started in the Fall semester of 2007, when LaFiandra decided to make bike riding accessible to all. You may have seen the golden bikes strewn across the campus and wondered why many people had the same bike. Well, with 40 custom-designed, gilded bikes now available to the campus community, it's now possible for those without their own bikes to enjoy riding once again; and it's free.

Similar to the bike system in France, the Guild seeks to provide everyone on campus with bikes. But the Hamilton bike system ran into some problems last year due to little funding to replace stolen and damaged bikes. The bikes were often abandoned, and it became difficult to ride in five feet of snow and other unfavorable weather conditions. This year, Palanza is hoping that things will change and that everyone will follow the "Golden Rules" to provide a full enjoyment of the bikes.

The rules are simple and easy to follow: If you see a Hamilton gilded bike, you may use it to ride anywhere on the campus, and when you're done using it, someone else can ride it. However, the vintage-looking bikes are Hamilton property, and are not allowed off campus. In addition, any damage to the bikes will be punished with the 6-10 points for vandalism. Palanza added that if you'd "like [to] see how many times you can drop a sick line off the Martin's way bridge before something breaks, the answer is 'once,'... please don't try it. Treat the bikes as you did your grandparents in high school (before you had a car)—be nice, endure their silly rattling, and use them for their wheels and gold." Palanza continued, "If the bike is damaged in any way, just place it upside down, and someone will take it to the repair shop behind the Glen House."

So, if you see a gilded bike with a Hamilton insignia on it, just hop on and take it for a ride. Palanza added that he "would be more than happy to teach you how to ride one if you don't know. It's a lovely thing."

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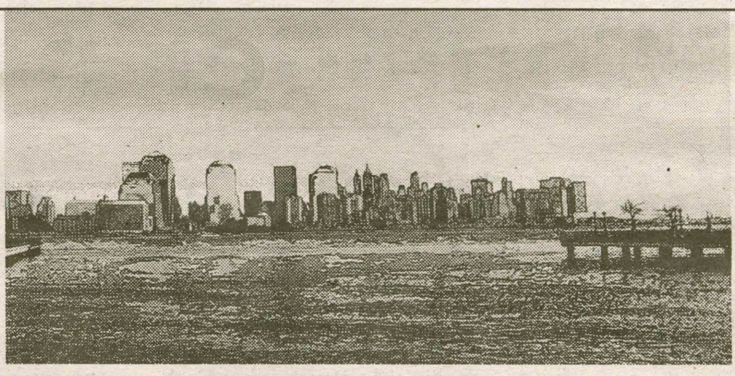

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Science Center 2048

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Weekly Charts

by Ashley Stagner '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

MUSIC
(From iTunes)

Top Albums
1. Still Feels Good - Rascal Flatts
2. Echoes, Silence, Patience - Foo Fighters
3. Graduation - Kanye West
4. Remedy - David Crowder Band
5. Just like You - Keyshia Cole

Top Songs
1. Crank That - Soulja Boy Tell 'Em
2. Gimme More - Britney Spears
3. Stronger - Kanye West
4. 1234 - Feist
5. How Far We've Come - Matchbox 20

MOVIES
(Yahoo! Box Office Charts)

1. Resident Evil: Extinction
2. Good Luck Chuck
3. The Brave One
4. 3:10 to Yuma
5. Eastern Promises
6. Sydney White
7. Mr. Woodcock
8. Superbad
9. The Bourne Ultimatum
10. Dragon Wars (D-Wars)

BOOKS
(From The New York Times Best Seller List)

Paperback Fiction
1. WATER FOR ELEPHANTS, by Sara Gruen
2. THE KITE RUNNER, by Khaled Hosseini
3. THE MEMORY KEEPER'S DAUGHTER, by Kim Edwards
4. THE EMPEROR'S CHILDREN, by Claire Messud
5. THE ALCHEMIST, by PauloCoelho

Paperback Non-Fiction
1. EAT, PRAY, LOVE, by Elizabeth Gilbert
2. 90 MINUTES IN HEAVEN, by Don Piper with Cecil Murphey
3. THE GLASS CASTLE, by Jeannette Walls
4. THREE CUPS OF TEA, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin
5. THE LOOMING TOWER, by Lawrence Night

Gilded Bikes: Art and Luxury

by Alex Ossola '10
Arts & Entertainment Writer

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A fleet of Golden Bikes awaits students.

They're back… with a vengeance? Thanks to the global email sent by Charlie Palanza (plus a choice few sightings and maybe even a ride or two), we all know that the infamous golden bikes are back at Hamilton.

After many repairs and a new paint-job, the bikes are back and rolling to make life easier for (and possibly endanger) Hamilton students yet again.

But somehow, these bikes represent more than a speedy trip down to Bundy or a relaxing ride to the Science Center. These golden symbols become sort of a mascot of Hamilton and convey more of a message than does our foppish pig. The glistening, glorious goldies that circle our campus remind us of the positive aspects of human nature: that we as a community can share the shining emblems unselfishly as part of the greater good. And there is something very admirable in that.

I always smile whenever I see a golden bike, because I know that the rider's day has been made just a bit better (and a little more convenient) thanks to the noblest of blonde steeds. And, of course, there's the chance that the rider will fall off the decrepit seat mid-pedal, and then I will have an excuse to laugh, as well as to smile.

My slightly sadistic tendencies aside (oh, come on, don't tell me you haven't thought the same thing), the golden bikes are an art form because they represent a higher message and emotion directly expressed though an extremely mobile, and practical, medium. Last year, people abused the bikes, left them stranded in desolate locations, skewed the handlebars, twisted the tires, and unscrewed the seats. Hopefully this year the rules Charlie set will be upheld and we will be able to take advantage of this twinkling transport well into the spring--or at least until it gets too cold to touch metal.

Please enjoy the artistry and the collective benefit of the golden bikes while you can, and treat them like they are your own little piece representative of the greater goood.

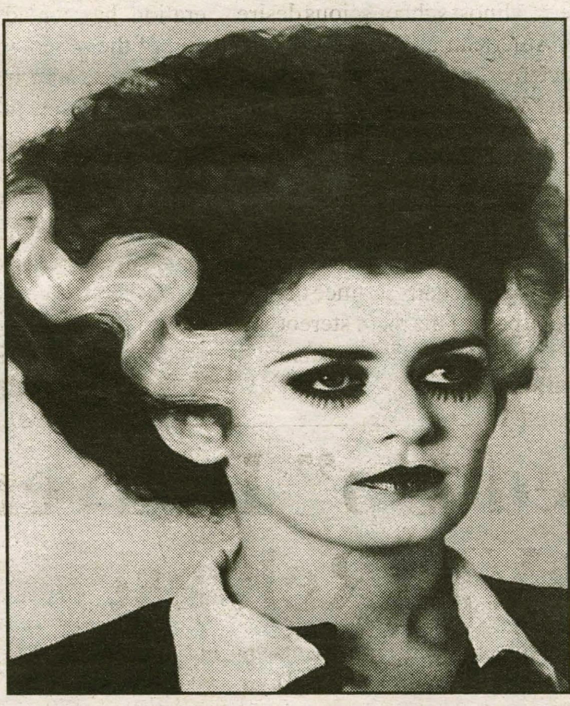
Relive "The Bride of Frankenstein"

by Leighton Smith '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

For anyone looking to mix it up this weekend (cinematically speaking), I recommend "The Bride of Frankenstein" (1935). Any fan of modern horror movies should delve into past works to truly appreciate the genre. Bride is a bit more polished than some of its predecessors, making it a bit more accessible to modern audiences. Indeed, it even breaks away from the horror genre mold established in the late 1920s and early 1930s by adding touches of offbeat humor throughout the otherwise serious plotline.

"The Bride of Frankenstein" shows the undeniable flexibility of the horror genre. Within the film, we see a variety of elements ranging from the tragic, to the comedic, to the philosophical. While at times this diversity leads to the story feeling a bit off-balance, it certainly emphasizes the versatility of the actors, the directorial touch of James Whale, and the exceptional vision of Universal Pictures owner Carl Laemmle, Jr.

Indeed, much of the credit for the success of the Frankenstein franchise goes to Laemmle, who possessed the foresight to re-shoot the ending to the first Frankenstein movie. According to author Thomas Schatz, "…after seeing the rough-cut [of "Frankenstein"], [Laemmle] was certain that the end of the picture needed to be changed" (Schatz, 94) so that Frankenstein and his monster were not killed off. Laemmle and Whale disputed how best to conclude the film, but eventually Whale decided to cut the final sequence, thus "leaving their fate in doubt," and allowing for the potential continuation of the Frankenstein series.



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How many cans of hairspray did it take?

While much of the acting in Bride comes across as a bit hackneyed or overdone, several of the actors add great depth to the story. Boris Karloff, playing the monster, is sensational, reflecting the true tragedy of the misunderstood creature. Schatz echoes this sentiment: "Many experienced actors could have handled the hulking mannerisms and frightening capacity for destruction, but Karloff captured the creature's vulnerability and brought a touch of humanity and pathos to the role." (Schatz, 94.)

Overall, I wish Bride relied less on comedic relief from characters such as Minnie (a servant) and the Burgomaster. Minnie's over-exaggerated acting style and nasily voice grow tiresome quickly, as does the Burgomaster's under-exaggerated--though equally annoying--acting style. I found Ernest Thesinger's portrayal of Dr. Pretorius far more intriguing and his subtle, creepy delivery much funnier.

If a Frankenstein movie doesn't interest you, there are a number of other classic horror films to visit. The Mummy, Dracula, The Wolfman, The Creature from the Black Lagoon: all of these movies have the scare-factor to get your juices flowing. But if you are dead-set (excuse the pun) on going out to the movies, look for references to the classics such as Halloween or Resident Evil: Extinction.

Interested in Creative Writing?

Arts & Entertainment is now requesting poetry and prose pieces from students. The pieces will be published every two weeks. Here's the test: Can you write a fantastic poem/short story in ~1,000 words? Send your work to astagner and find out!

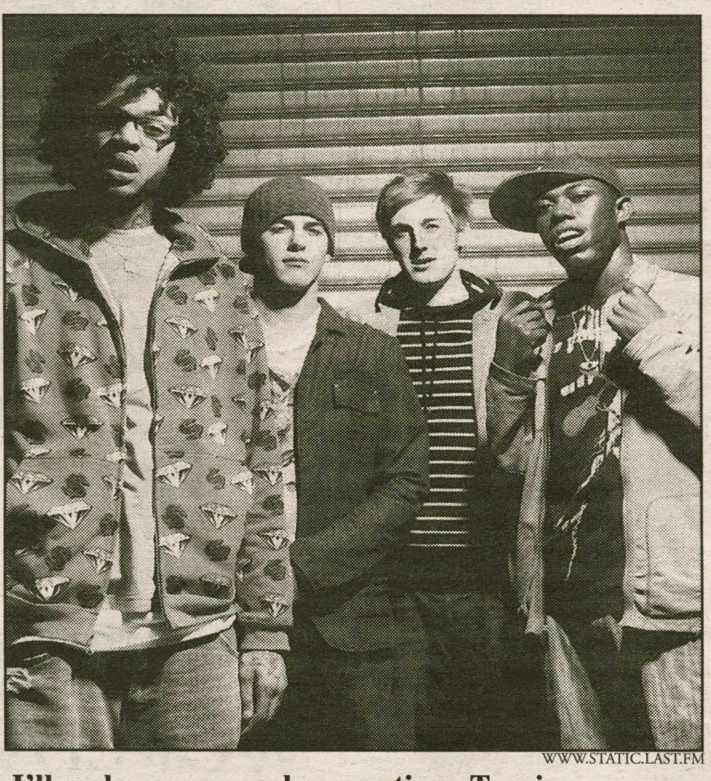
CAB Presents: Gym Class Heroes & The Pack

by Ashley Stagner '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

September 22 brought a night full of entertainment for Hamilton students. Gym Class Heroes, along with The Pack and DJ Abilities, kept the Tolles Pavilion full and dancing the entire night.

The show began at 7:30 p.m. with DJ Abilities, whose name correctly describes his talent. His disc jockeying abilities were stunning, and unlike most DJs, he used a wide range of music. For example, System of a Down morphed into Kanye West's "Stronger." Additionally impressive in the performance was DJ Abilities use of the lights, which corresponded with and emphasized the strength of his music. The only downside to his performance was his last song—apparently he either decided to experiment or had technical difficulties. Hopefully it was the latter. Otherwise, many students have punctured ear drums because of his piercing creation.

Next up was The Pack, which comprises TgDamonte "Lil' Uno" Johnson, Brandon "Lil' B" McCartney, Lloyd "Young L" Omadhebo, and Keith "Stunnaman" Jenkins. The Pack bounded onto the stage and put all of their energy into the performance. They performed songs like, "4 the Ladies Only," "Ride My Bike," "Candy," and "I'm Shinin'." One of the most entertaining parts of the performance was when Young L brought up two girls from the audience to join him on the stage. They then performed "In My Car" and demonstrated a move that will be featured in the soon to be released music video. It is not a hard move; essentially you pretend you are steering a car with one hand. So, every time the chorus came: "Riding down the street,/And I see a pretty girl./ She wants me/ I want her/I will take her to my world./ I'm in my car,/ I'm standing in my car,/You know I am in my car/ I'm standing in my car./My car." The Pack and the audience would pretend to be driving. The members of the group later joined the audience to dance.



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I'll make you pancakes any time, Travis.

Before Gym Class Heroes came on stage, the audience was treated to a short performance by Tyga and GaTa, who were later joined by a masked Travis from Gym Class Heroes.

The Gym Class Heroes set was breath-taking. Although it seems strange to use that kind of term to describe a performance such as this, it is the only adequate way to describe it. Travis, Disashi, Matt, and Eric put all of their effort into the show, and wanted to make sure that the Hamilton students were given a show they would never forget. GCH performed songs like, "Shoot Down the Stars," "Papercuts," "New Friend Request," "Clothes off!," and "The Queen and I." Similar to The Pack, one of the best parts of the performance was when Travis pulled a girl onto the stage. He began to serenade her with Sean Kingston's "Beautiful Girls" song, and then smoothly changed it into the well-known "Cupid's Chokehold (Breakfast in America)."

The concert was amazing and truly memorable. Now everyone just needs to wait till October 6 for the acoustic coffee-house.

"The Dangerous Book for Boys"--No Girls?

by Alex Ossola '10
Arts & Entertainment Writer

"The Dangerous Book for Boys" is an increasingly popular non-fiction book that has a touch of the antique throughout, even in its title.

"The Dangerous Book for Boys" has been on the bestseller list for much of the summer, and it has experienced wild success in reviews and sales in the United States as well as the United Kingdom.

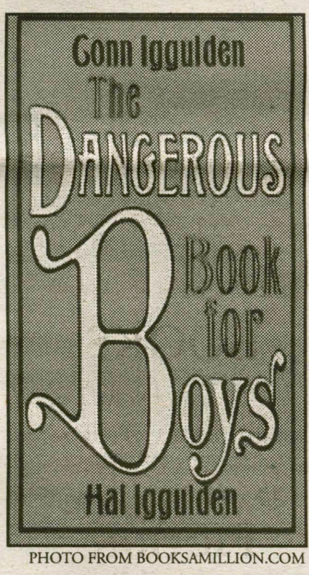
In the book itself, "boys from eight to eighty" can learn how to do what every stereotypical, "Leave-it-to-Beaver" boy should know how to do: build a tree house, identify the constellations, be familiar with baseball's most valuable players, practice basic first aid, know some meteorology, tan an animal skin, and, of course, know just a tiny bit about women.

The authors, brothers Gonn and Hal Iggulden, tap into that deep, almost subconscious desire of American and other Western societies to return to a simpler time, when men brought home the bacon and women did the dishes. Every father wants his child to be resourceful, courageous, well read and able to entertain himself, does he not? In this regard, nothing has changed since the decades past. This male stereotype has ingrained itself into society's consciousness.

But here is the real question: does this stereotypical ideal have any place in our modern culture, so far from the white picket fences of the mid-twentieth Century? The sales of this book seem to show that it does.

However, the younger generation has an advantage over any of the others in the past: we actually believe in the equality our constitution preaches. With regards to race, gender and income level, many younger people bridge these gaps without a second thought. Maybe this sounds a bit idealistic, because inequalities still do certainly exist, but I would like to think that we are overall much more accepting of people different than us than past generations were. This basic equality makes "The Dangerous Book for Boys" more of a handbook for anyone than just for boys.

When I bought this book in a hole-in-the-wall used bookstore in rural Vermont, the cashier asked me for whom I was buying it. I responded with an answer I thought was obvious and said, "Me!" I, as an inquisitive young woman, find this book just as informative and educational as any man would, maybe even more so. So, although "The Dangerous Book for Boys" is reminiscent of decades long gone, all citizens of our modern society can appreciate the ideals and skills the book instructs and enjoy it as a culture of equals.



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The ultimate guidebook in all things...boy.

"Knocked Up" Delivers in DVD Release

by Rebecca Griffin '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

It is hard to achieve comedic perfection in a movie where an unplanned pregnancy--the greatest fear of most adolescent males (and not to mention females)-- is the main storyline, "Knocked Up," however, proves it is possible. The first of Judd Apatow's breakout summer movies (he was also the genius behind the comedic movie masterpiece "Superbad"), "Knocked Up" exceeded all expectations as it delivered one hilarious scene after another.

First we meet Ben (Seth Rogan), a slacker 'web entrepreneur' who spends his days goofing off with his friends while creating a website which chronicles the exact moment that famous actresses get naked in movies. Out at a club one night, Ben meets up with Alison (Katherine Heigl), an E! news channel producer, who is celebrating her recent promotion. In a twist of fate, or the product of heavy drinking, Alison and Ben have a one night stand. Flash forward to a month later when Alison realizes that she's pregnant.

In a predictable plot, Alison decides to keep the baby and recruits Ben to help her through her emotional pregnancy. Although the subject of the movie is the universal story of growing up and learning to accept responsibility, the film manages to keep the dramatic storyline while keeping the movie entertaining and full of laughs.

The inevitable chaos ensues as Ben's pals try and deal with their friends new responsibilities and Alison's sister and brother-in-law (Paul Rudd) deal with issues of their own.

The laughter was pretty much continuous throughout the entire movie. Rogan and Heigl deliver stellar performances and manage to make you root for a pair that seems to be wrong for each other on all levels. The movie also manages to maintain some realism as it moves from one ridiculous scenario to the next. For example, in one scene Ben is found screaming a hate filled message to a doctor's voicemail while he's at a Bar Mitzvah.

Overall, "Knocked Up" was one of the best comedies I've seen in a long time. The movie will keep the viewer laughing throughout while still providing an engaging story. Knocked Up was released on DVD September 25 and is rated R.

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Green Week Celebrated with Speeches, Actions

by Laura Wright '10
Science and Technology Writer

It's Green Week at Hamilton! The Hamilton Environmental Action Group (HEAG) organizes a week every semester that focuses on how we can improve our daily habits for throughout the semester. From the signs reminding us how to properly recycle to instructions on how to save water while you're brushing your teeth, HEAG does its best to get the student body to consider the amount that they consume in their everyday lives. Whether it be bringing a mug for your coffee in McEwen or remembering to turn off the lights when you leave the room, there are plenty of incredibly easy steps we can take every day to reduce energy waste.

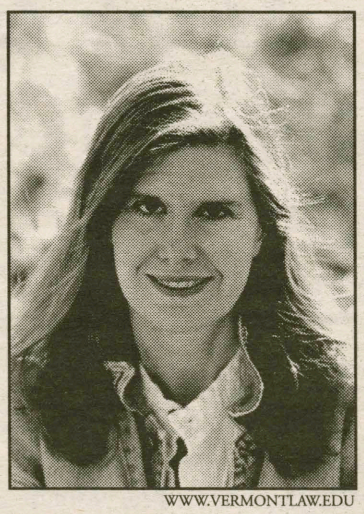
Most of the events of Green Week are geared toward reminding us of the consequences of not taking a couple of seconds each day to be "green-minded." The movie shown on Wednesday evening, "Kilowatt Ours," outlines some of the disastrous consequences of the ever-increasing demand for energy in our country, including mountaintop removal, global warming, and childhood asthma.

Sandra Steingraber's lecture on Tuesday discussed the impacts of commercial farming on water and how they may be linked to an increase in some cancers. Commercial farming not only has potential damage for local ecosystems and human consumers, but the transportation of mass products across the nation leads to a lot of carbon emissions. In order to remind the student body of the importance of locally grown products, Bon Appétit organized the "Eat Local Challenge" and HEAG brought a farmer's market to campus on Wednesday afternoon. This market offered a variety of local products, from organic fruits and vegetables to locally harvested honey. Some of those tomatoes looked amazing, too (one kind was green and zebra-striped!) The goal of introducing local foods to the campus was to remind our student body that commercially grown crops don't necessarily result in the highest quality products.

This theme was echoed in Bill McKibbon's lecture Monday night at Colgate, to which HEAG provided a bus service. McKibbon questioned the validity of economic growth and claims that it is not actually intrinsically good for society. Though products may appear to be cheaper at face value, that does not necessarily mean that they are better for us as a people; cheaper products often lead to other costs in the long term, such as species elimination, water contamination and, as Steingraber mentioned, cancers.

McKibbon spoke about how community keeps the human race both functioning and happy - hence why college is so fun! We form close bonds with one another and don't have to worry about money or resources. But why, then, do we ignore the lessons that we learn during our college years? Is it not possible for us to maintain our close-knit communities beyond our years on the Hill so perhaps our future nostalgia for Hamilton would not be due to deep unhappiness in our lives as adults? McKibbon says that we have the power to change our obsession with economic growth and instead focus on community-building efforts, awareness and education about global environmental issues. We have the power to come together and strengthen our communities in the face of these real problems.

This power of community is at the very heart of Green Week; on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. and Saturday at 1:00 p.m., HEAG organized campus cleanups, an awesome opportunity to get together and meet some new people as we clean up the campus! There is also a barbeque this Friday at 4:30 p.m. in the Glen House, a great opportunity to get together and talk to some new friends about how we can make Green Week into a Green Semester.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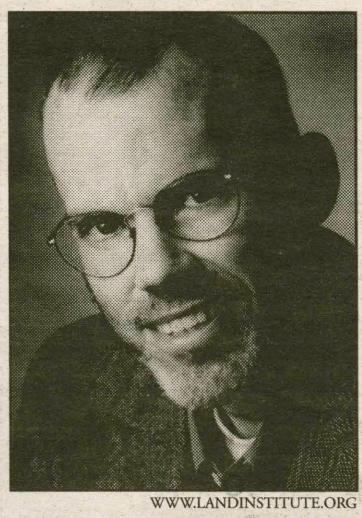
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Speeches by Sandra Steingraber (left) on the impacts of commercial farming, and Bill McKibben (center) on economic growth and the enironment, along with a viewing of "Kilowatt Ours" (right) highlighted Hamilton's successful Green Week 2007.

What's on the Web?

Weekly Website Review

Gizmodo.com

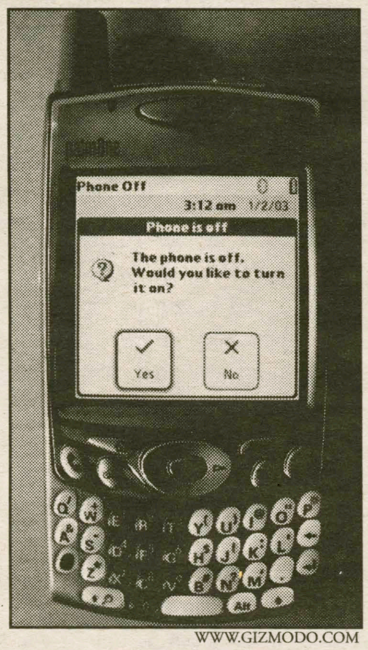
by Kate Tumarello '11
Science and Technology Writer

Rating: (out of 5 beakers)

Any website that is "So much in love with shiny new toys, it's unnatural" is bound to catch my attention. Unfortunately, a site as unorganized and confusing as Gizmodo.com is also likely to lose my attention quickly as well.

At first glance it seems as though the articles on Gizmodo.com are clearly sorted into categories. In reality, there is no main menu, just a list of the topics on that page, including Apple, Gadgets and Cell Phones. Had they left it at that, I could've excused the fact that cell phones are a type of gadget and shouldn't have a separate category. But no, they go on to include among their categories Samsung and Sidekick LX, which are types of cell phones and certainly not deserving of their own topics.

As an opponent of all things Apple, I check that link out first. My thoughts of Apple are reflected on the page, which is just a broken link with nothing on it. I hit the back button and try Cell Phones instead. The first link is Smartphones. That takes me to a page that offers the topics of Windows Mobile, Apple iPhone, and Apple iPhone, although only one of the links actually works.



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The PalmOne SlashPhone is one of many gadgets featured on Gizmodo.com

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Did You Know That?

Wacky Facts: You Are What You Eat

by Tara Apo '10
Science and Technology Writer

- *38% of Americans eat breakfast every day.*
- *850 peanuts are needed to make an 18 oz. jar of peanut butter.*
- *Americans are the world's leading peanut butter consumers.*
- *An American chews an average of 300 sticks of gum in a year.*
- *Frankfurter sausages were first created in China.*
- *In a year, Americans eat approximately 20 billion pickles.*
- *Jell-O is Utah's official state snack.*
- *A piece of French toast that was partially eaten by Justin Timberlake was sold on eBay.*
- *A fish was once caught that was 33 inches long and seemed to be heavier than it should. When they cut the fish, fishermen found a full of bottle of ale inside it.*
- *Chewing on gum while cutting onions can help a person from producing tears.*
- *Food can only be tasted if it is mixed with saliva.*
- *Studies show that people living on the east coast prefer creamy peanut butter, while people living on the west coast prefer chunky peanut butter.*
- *The most expensive martini costs $650, found in Newport Beach, California. Hello, O.C.*
- *America's favorite Jelly-bean flavor is "buttered popcorn."*
- *A pound of armadillo meat contains 780 calories.*
- *When coffee is roasted and the beans begin to cool, the aroma released is the result of over 700 different compounds.*
- *Montpelier, Vermont is the only state capital in the United States without a McDonalds.*
- *In France, people eat approximately 500 million snails per year.*
- *Over a thousand liters of beer are drunk in the House of Commons each week.*
- *By contrast, half the world's population lives on a staple diet of rice.*
- *The average person eats about 1500 pounds of food each year.*
- *In 1994, 7-Eleven coined the term "brain freeze." The word was developed to explain the feeling people get when drinking a Slurpee.*

A Scientist's Shelf

Good News for A Change

Authors: David Suzuki and Holly Dressel

by Kate Tumarello '11
Science and Technology Writer

Rating: ★★★★

When not in use, turn off the juice. Turn off the water. Don't litter. Plant a tree. Read *Good News for a Change*.

We all know how we can help the environment. We've been told a thousand times what we can do to benefit the world we live in and the world future generations will have to live in, especially during Green Week. We're rarely told why. David Suzuki and Holly Dressel tell us why in their book *Good News for a Change*.

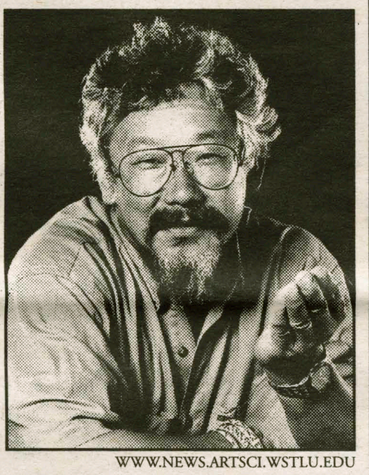
After reading this book, I had the urge to put fluorescent light bulbs in all my lamps, buy a Toyota Prius, and protest the violations against our only environment. I realized that I already had fluorescent light bulbs and, as a freshman, can't have a car anyway. Still, there are so many things we as individuals and small groups can do to benefit the environment.

To find what we can do, read *Good News for a Change*. This book highlights not just ways to help, but reasons why we should and examples of others who have created tremendous change through small things. It inspires the audience to make a change because change appears both possible and significant.

One of the biggest things Suzuki and Dressel encourage is the recently popular idea of sustainability. Sustainability is the initiative that seeks to provide the safest and most beneficial outcomes for both the natural world and the humans that exist within it. That is another important notion that is stressed. Humans should attempt to cooperate and support the environment, not dominate it.

As individuals, we should do our best to cooperate with nature and stop those who don't. This goes beyond turning off the lights and water, although these actions are highly encouraged as well. We have to protest any legislation or other government action that discourages environment-friendly behavior for businesses. We have to make sure our voices are heard and cannot be lured into the false sense of security that comes with our country's democracy. Collins Pine, a timber company in California, has been able to revive populations of disappearing animals and faces more government interference because of this. We have to make sure "green" businesses aren't put at a disadvantage due to their commitment to our environment.

It is also our duty to boycott products that negatively affect the environment. Many companies would like to produce more "green" products, but are afraid to due to the high demand for environmentally unhealthy products. The example that is used in the book is the automobile market. General Motors Company would focus more on "green" models if consumers started demanding them instead



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Suzuki spoke at Hamilton last winter on conservation.

of Yukons, which looks like it's finally happening as there is encouraging news about a Yukon hybrid being released later this year.

When we start demanding only "green" products, the companies will actually benefit. Not only does the consumer pay less in the long run, but the companies will too, not to mention the benefits the environment will receive. Often, "green" methods of production create more jobs for people. In the short, long, and in-between runs, everyone is rewarded when companies go "green."

Aside from the tangible changes we're asked to put into effect, *Good News for a Change* asks us to reevaluate the value system that has been passed down since the Industrial Revolution. Instead of trying to attain monetary gains that will help us now, we should be striving for all types of gains that will help ourselves and others in the future. To achieve this goal we must accept our mistakes and learn from them so we can do what is best for the environment and therefore for ourselves.

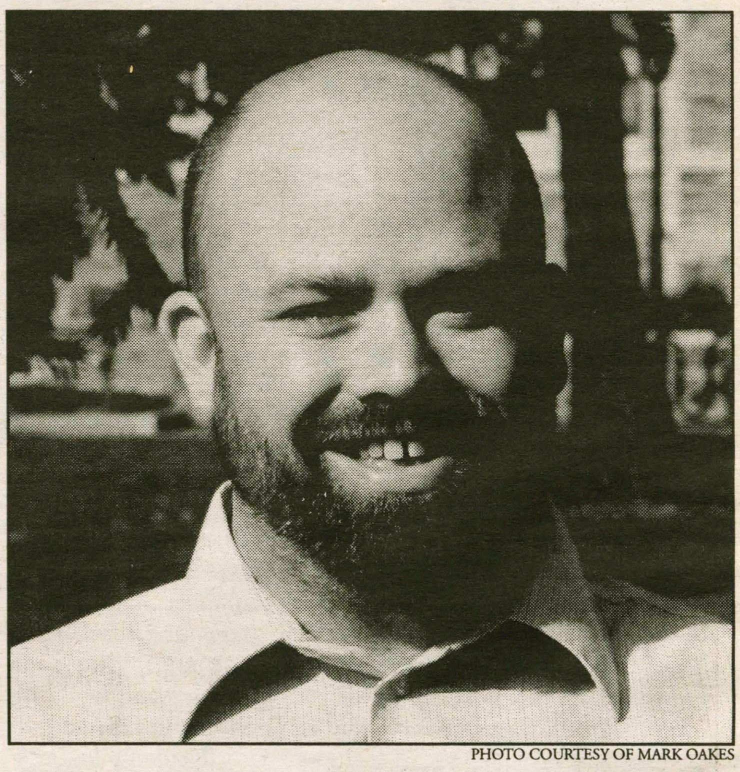
So along with all the other things we're told to do to make our world better, add reading this book to the list. All you need is an interest in protecting the environment and the capability to understand a long list of acronyms.

PROFESSOR PROFILE

Mark Oakes, Psychology

THE FACTS:

Name: Mark Oakes
Department: Psychology
Hometown: Seattle, Washington
College (Ph.D): University of Washington
Research: Stereotypes, automatic responses, and uconscious thoughts/processing.



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INTERVIEW SECTION:

Elijah LaChance: If you were to describe yourself in three words, what would they be?

Mark Oakes: Friendly, fun, bald.

EL: What would you say is your teaching style, and what can students expect who are in your classes?

MO: Energetic. Engaging. Interactive. Informal. I am not one to stand behind a podium and read from my notes. Instead, I encourage an exchange between the students and myself. Questions, comments, alternative perspectives are all encouraged from the students. In exchange, I provide the students with activities, demonstrations, and media to augment my lectures. My goal is to create a symbiotic atmosphere in which learning is safe, fun and beneficial for all parties involved. In the end, I hope students learn a little about psychological methodology and theory and a lot about the importance of psychology in their everyday lives as well as how to actively participate in their own education.

EL: What is your funniest and/or most embarrassing childhood memory that you wouldn't mind sharing?

MO: Just one?! I have a bunch. Bowl haircuts by my father; square dancing at the local fair; my uncle telling me a jalapeno was a pickle and eating the whole thing at once; I shot my TV once with a BB gun and, thinking no one would notice, I tried to fix it by putting scotch tape over the large crack in the monitor.

EL: What is your favorite band or singer, your favorite ice cream flavor, your favorite book, and your favorite homecooked meal?

MO: Dave Matthews (he lives in Seattle!) and Peter Gabriel, Phish Food (Ben and Jerry's), *Notes from Underground*, standing rib roast with homemade rolls, asparagus and apple pie as dessert.

EL: How did you eventually choose to teach psychology for a living?

MO: If you were to ask me what my professional ambitions were during my undergraduate days, I can guarantee you that I would have responded with something besides teaching. In fact, I was so afraid of public speaking that I avoided every class that I knew had a large speaking component. For example, to fulfill my communication requirement I took symbolic logic instead of speech.

It was not until graduate school at the University of Washington that I began to seriously think about teaching. As part of our training we had to work as a teaching assistant once a year. I was assigned Introduction to Psychology. This is not a 40 person class like at Hamilton, but ranged between 400-700 students depending on the time of year. The instructor encouraged all of her TAs to teach a single class over the course of the quarter. I was extremely afraid and intimidated. The students I was lecturing to were not that much younger than me. To boot, I had to wear a wireless microphone.

There is nothing worse to a person intimated by speaking to a crowd than to have to hear their own voice (to this day I hate listening to my voice on a recording). About 10 minutes into the lecture, my nerves calmed down and I began to notice that the students were actually interested in what I had to say. They were enjoying themselves. Students actually came down after class to ask me questions. The ability to communicate an idea, to generate enthusiasm and appreciation in another person, to captivate an audience, proved to be too intoxicating to me to do anything else. From that point on, I knew I would teach on some level.

EL: Why Hamilton?

MO: To tell you the truth, being from the west coast, I had not heard of Hamilton until I saw the job advertisement. I found out from a few of my colleagues that Hamilton was a small liberal arts school that was renowned for its teaching and communication skills. I loved the idea of teaching at a liberal arts institution, so I jumped at the chance to fly out to New York and interview. I arrived on campus on one those rare sunny early spring days and was immediately impressed. There was something energizing about this place. I met with Profs. Weldon, Yee, Borton, and Pierce as well as a few students. They made me feel at home—like part of their family. They were friendly, outgoing and intellectually challenging. There is a camaraderie between the faculty and students at Hamilton that I had never seen (or experienced) anywhere else and I wanted to be a part of that! The rest is history.

EL: Do you have any habits students might notice? If so, what are they?

MO: With the exception of dressing in a skirt and wig

*see **Professor Profile**, page 17*

SCI & TECH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPT. 30:
Campus Clean-Up
Sponsored by HEAG (Hamilton Environmental Action Group)
1:00 p.m. In front of Commons

BioMatters Discussion Circle:
Stem Cell Research: A Scientific Outlook on the Pros and Cons
7:00 p.m. Biology Student Lounge (Second Floor SCCT)

MONDAY, OCT. 1:
Dr. John Jaenike, University of Rochester
"Male-killing endosymbionts: origins, persistence, and impact."
4:10 p.m. SCCT 2017
(Refresments at 4:00 p.m.)

TUESDAY, OCT. 2:
HEAG (Hamilton Environmental Action Group) Meeting
7:00 p.m. The Pub

FRIDAY, OCT. 5:
Angel Garcia, Department of Physics, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
"Theoretical Studies in Protein Folding"
3:00 p.m. SCCT 3024
(Refreshments at 2:45 p.m.)

MONDAY, OCT. 8:
Dr. Deanna Thompson, Department of Biomedical Engineering, RPI
"Neural Engineering Strategies to Support and Direct Neurite Outgrowth"

GENERAL: Remember, Science and Technology wants your science jokes! The competition is heating up; the best jokes will be published in the first October issue.

That means... THIS IS THE LAST WEEK TO SUBMIT YOUR JOKE!

Send submissions to:
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Please have all jokes in by Wednesday!

PROFESSOR PROFILE

Mark Oakes: Psychology

*from **Professor Profile**, page 16*

a semester…I can't think of any. Maybe rubbing the top of my head.

EL: What areas of psychology most interest you and why?

MO: The topic in psychology that fascinates me most is automatic (unconscious) processing. If you look at all the decisions and behaviors that we perform in a day, most of them occur without thought.

One might imagine that automatic processing would be reserved for small, unimportant decisions in our lives, whereas important decisions would be saved for more deliberate and conscious processing. What is so cool is this is not necessarily the case. For example, first impressions, the automatic evaluation of a person, is one of the best determinants of your overall feelings of that person (even after years of knowing that person).

The interaction style between you and your significant other (that automatic or default style you use when you get into an argument) can determine the success of your relationship with great accuracy. Automatic, nonverbal cues during interpersonal interactions are critical signposts others use to determine (albeit unconsciously) whether we are attracted to them, whether we are lying, or even if we are nervous. In fact, automatic processing seems to lead to more accurate decisions than deliberate processing when we try to introspect about our own future behaviors as well as more objective outcomes, such as who will win a sporting event. The lesson is that many times that initial or automatic reaction is extremely informative.

In some cases, however, the automatic reactions we have are inconsistent with our conscious beliefs. For example, my research has shown that although we consciously disavow using stereotypes, in many instances those stereotypes are automatically activated and lead to stereotypical behavior without our knowledge. For example, under time pressure people more often mistake a harmless object (cell phone or wallet) as a weapon (gun) in the hands of an African-American than in the hands of a Caucasian. This result suggests that people may have stereotypes about African-Americans and aggression that are automatically activated, and when unable to consciously curb this activation, it leads to stereotyped behavior.

This automatic activation effect is pervasive. Other research has shown that completing a word search with words related to elderly (old, Florida, bingo) leads people to walk slower down a hallway (activation of the stereotype that the elderly are slow). And thinking about a professor's life increases one's score on trivial pursuit type questions (activation of the stereotype that professors are intelligent). In short, automatic processes are cool things to study.

EL: What is your fondest memory of being at Hamilton?

MO: I can't think of a specific episode, but one of my favorite times of the year is graduation/senior week. The students have a little bit of time to breath and you really get to know them apart from their school/athletic personas. Likewise, faculty let their guard down a bit and there seems to be a real honest exchange. I also really enjoy meeting the families of all the graduates and exchanging funny stories about the graduates with their relatives. When I think of Hamilton, I think of these types of events.

EL: What was the craziest thing you did in college you wouldn't mind sharing?

MO: At the risk of undermining my credibility on campus, I would have to say getting caught making-out with my girlfriend on a new car lot in the bed of a brand new pickup truck. It seemed like a good idea at the time…

EL: Other than the Science Center, where can students find you on campus?

MO: Students can find me at my residence, 60 College Hill Rd., and at sporting events all over campus.

Weekly Website Review: Gizmodo.com Disapoints

*from **Website Review**, page 15*

not own an iPhone, but Apple, iPhone, and Apple iPhone seem pretty similar to me. The page hardly needs three identical tags.

When an article worth reading finally surfaces, I can see it is written by a man and for a male audience. Included with an article about gold plating iPods, there is a picture of a, to quote my mother, "scantily clad woman." The article acknowledges the uselessness of gold plating an iPod, but insists that no man could turn down the woman offering the service. This is far from the worst thing about women on the internet and I don't consider myself a feminist, but it seems like I can't be the only girl surfing their website. They should aim to appeal to, or at least not offend, as many people as possible.

I'll give the writers at Gizmodo.com credit. When they're not talking about Apple, they manage to find some interesting and funny things. If you can find it, there is a section about wacky things that has an article about a Japanese convenience store selling Windows Vista alongside batteries. The writers even manage to express their ideas coherently and with a witty approach. If I could navigate the website, I'm sure I could find more interesting articles.

Gizmodo.com is difficult to navigate, slightly sexist, and worst of all, biased towards Apple. While many other sites offer the same and better information, Gizmodo.com is good if you know what you're looking for to enter into the search bar or are looking to spend more time hunting for an article than actually reading it.

"A SCIENCE IS ANY DISCIPLINE IN WHICH THE FOOL OF THIS GENERATION CAN GO BEYOND THE POINT REACHED BY THE GENIUS OF THE LAST GENERATION." ~MAX GLUCKMAN

Volleyball Team Earns First Victory of the Season

by Brandon Leibsohn '10
Sports Editor

The Women's Volleyball Team secured their first win of the season this past week. Despite having lost the first eleven games of the year, success finally has become a reality for the team. There is still enough time left within the season to pick it up a notch higher and start imposing fear into the opponents. Stellar play from Jo Fier '11 has helped the team play consistently and achieve a gradual change in increasing decision-making and use of teamwork.

However, the team did face some adversity during the opening games of the NESCAC season. On September 14, the Continentals traveled to Tufts to play in a three-match weekend. In the first game, Amherst was the opponent. Amherst had been playing a high level up to that point, but Hamilton was able to extend the match to four games.

Amherst struggled throughout the match in maintaining focus, and the Continentals were able to capitalize by winning the second game during the match in dominating fashion. The final game of the match was a heartbreaker for Hamilton because they lost by just two points. Amber O'Connor '09 played very well on defense during the match and was able to collect 17 digs. Jori Belkin '11 had one of her best matches of the year with nine kills.

The next day, the team faced two more conference opponents in Tufts and Middlebury. In the morning, the Continentals took the host Tufts to four games. Despite playing poorly throughout the match, the team was able to win the third game by six points. Kristen Selden '09 showed off her power serve with three aces.

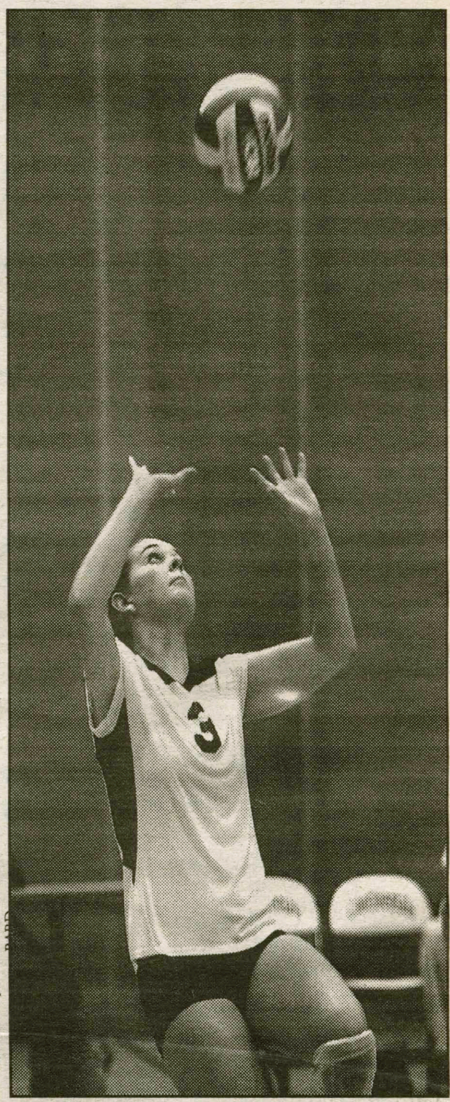
Middlebury provided a better opportunity to exhibit the team's skills. Although the match only lasted three games, Hamilton pushed the Panther to the limit. In the final two games of the match, the Continentals lost by two points and were able to force the final game into overtime. Kelsey Lawler '11 played with tremendous confidence and set up her teammates with 34 assists.

On September 19, Utica College came to the Scott Field House for a non-conference match. Fier had a career-high 18 kills and was instrumental in the team's five game loss. Lawler had a breakthrough performance where she not only was able to set up her teammates, but she also helped with her nine aces. After taking a two to one advantage in games won, the Continentals faltered down the stretch. They were up by four points in the final game of the match, but blew the lead and the game.

Despite all of these losses, Hamilton was determined to come through with a victory. Morrisville State College was unlucky to be the opponent when the Continentals finally put all of their ability and talent together. The match ended in a three game sweep to give the Continentals their first victory of the year.

It was the most impressive overall performance from the team as they dominated the court allowing their opponent to reach 18 points only once. Their lowest margin of victory was by 12 during the match and in the finale Morrisville State only scored nine times. Cate Schafer '10 blocked the ball three times and Belkin collected 10 kills. Lawler moved into sixth place in the NESCAC in the assist category with an average of 8.31 assists each game.

Great things are in store for the team as the season moves on. Today, the team will head to SUNY Oswego to take part in three more matches. First up is St. Lawrence University, a team that has won eight of their fifteen games so far this season. Hamilton has to come out strong because their opponent has only won two matches in which they did not win the first game. If the Continentals can dictate the pace and style of play, then they will have a great shot at continuing their winning streak. On Saturday, Hamilton will face host school SUNY Oswego, a struggling team that is coming off of two straight losses to division opponents. The other match on Saturday will be against Elmira College, an experienced team that has lost its last three games. Hamilton will need to continue to overcome the obstacles on the court and turn the season around.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Kelsey Lawler '11 is sixth in NESCAC, with an average of 8.31 assists per game.

A Question of Umpire Professionalism in Baseball

San Diego Padres Outfielder Milton Bradley Blows Up; Blows ACL

by Kevin Bancroft '08
Sports Writer

As the Major League Baseball regular season comes to a close, the most closely watched race is the National League Wild Card. At this point, the NL Wild Card race is too close to call, and over the weekend, a bizarre incident may have complicated things even further: the San Diego Padres, a team stacked with pitching, highlighted by Cy Young probable Jake Peavy, lost their best offensive performer, Milton Bradley, in an unusual chain of events. Bradley was batting .313 with 11 home runs for the Padres after being acquired from the Oakland Athletics in the middle of the season.

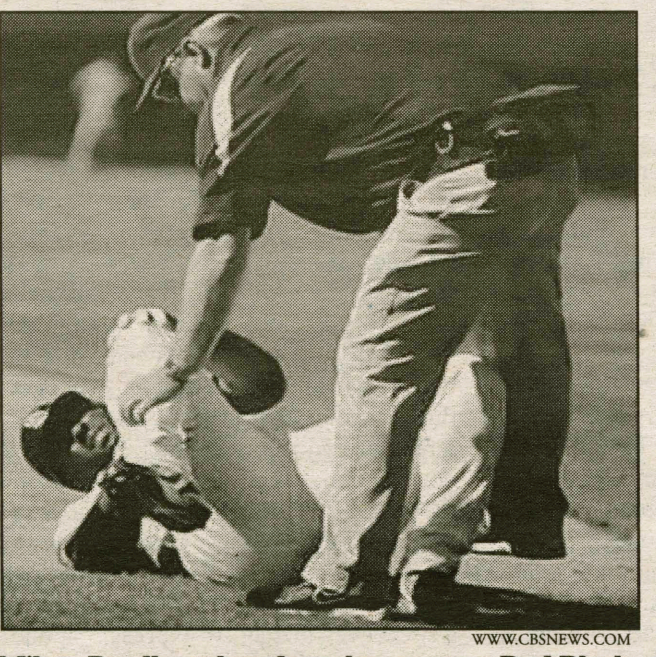
Sunday's game left the Padres outfielder with a torn ACL. This serious injury means Bradley is out for the rest of the season and, quite possibly, the next season as well. This injury also comes the day after the Padres learned they would lose Gold Glove outfielder Mike Cameron for nearly a week.

Only a week ago San Diego seemed completely in control of their wild-card fate; they now face uncertainty heading into their final series against Milwaukee.

The series of events leading to the dispute that left Bradley with a torn ACL began after Bradley struck out in the fifth inning of Sunday's finale against the Colorado Rockies. After striking out, the home-plate umpire Brain Runge confronted Bradley, asking him if he had tossed a bat in the umpire's direction.

Bradley, a player whose short temper has been compared to the likes of Dennis Rodman, described the conversation after the game: "Are you kidding me, you know, that's ridiculous. I never even looked in his direction after I struck out… He told me, 'It was reported to me by the other umpire that you threw you're bat at me', and I said, that is completely ridiculous."

The umpire who reported the incident was first-base umpire Mike Winters. After Bradley knocked a base hit later in the game, he turned to Winters asking if he had reported the incident. Winters confirmed that he had. Players and coaches involved say that Winters then lured Bradley into the argument using a series of profanities. Padres manager Buddy Black, holding Bradley back from Winters, twirled Bradley to the ground. Bradley's cleat got caught in the turf, twisting and tearing his ACL.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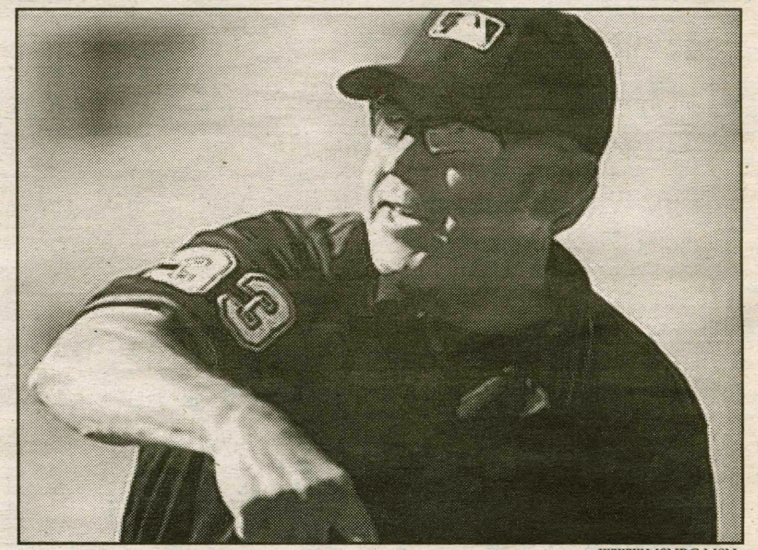
Milton Bradley taken down by manager Bud Black.

The Milton Bradley incident is an unfortunate episode that brings up an important question in sports: are the umpires and referees in professional sports bringing their personal opinions of players onto the field? It would seem so.

Referees are meant to be unbiased judges of a professional sporting event; there is no reason whatsoever for an umpire to provoke a player in the manner Mike Winters allegedly did. In commenting on the incident, ESPN baseball analyst Jayson Stark says, "Umpires need to do a better job taking into account that when they make a controversial call, it affects seasons, races, and lives."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Umpire Mike Winters has been suspended for the season.

After the game, Bradley commented, "This is the most unprofessional, ridiculous thing I've ever seen…I'm not gona hurt the guy, I just wanted him to hear what I had to say…He's gonna kick me outta the game because he called me a piece of s***?"

Major League Baseball needs to act quickly in addressing this situation to prevent similar events from happening in the future. Perhaps quick and just action by the MLB would encourage other institutions to act accordingly: baseball certainly is not the only professional sport tainted by biased or corrupt referees. While Bradley may have been out of line in the way he reacted, no professional sport should have room for biased umpires regardless of players' tempers; it is completely unprofessional.

With the Philadelphia Phillies and Colorado Rockies nipping at the Padres' heels in the hunt for the NL Wild Card, Bradley's injury has certainly left the Padres with little offensive firepower. In baseball, pitching wins championships, offense wins games, and apparently, umpires decide seasons.

Rising Superstar Derailed

by Jared Leslie '09
Sports Writer

From Indianapolis emerged the seven foot-tall basketball superstar, Greg Oden. At 19 years of age, Oden exploded onto the world stage with the Ohio State Buckeyes for the 2006-2007 season. On September 13, 2007 Greg Oden underwent microfracture surgery, an operation that is known to many as a career ender.

The 19 year old was born in Buffalo, New York, then moved to Indianapolis, Indiana. While he was attending and playing for Lawrence North High School they won three consecutive Class 4A Indiana State Championships and 45 consecutive games. The 05/06 season Oden was on the McDonald's All-American team, played in the All-American game, was the 2006 Indiana Mr. Basketball and the 2005 Gatorade National Boys Basketball Player of the year, becoming the first junior to be awarded this honor since Lebron James.

After accomplishing so much he announced he would attend Ohio State and play the 06/07 season with the Buckeyes. Oden missed the first bunch of games while recovering from wrist surgery to repair a torn ligament. His college debut was a success, as he put up 14 points, 10 rebounds and five blocks against Valparaiso.

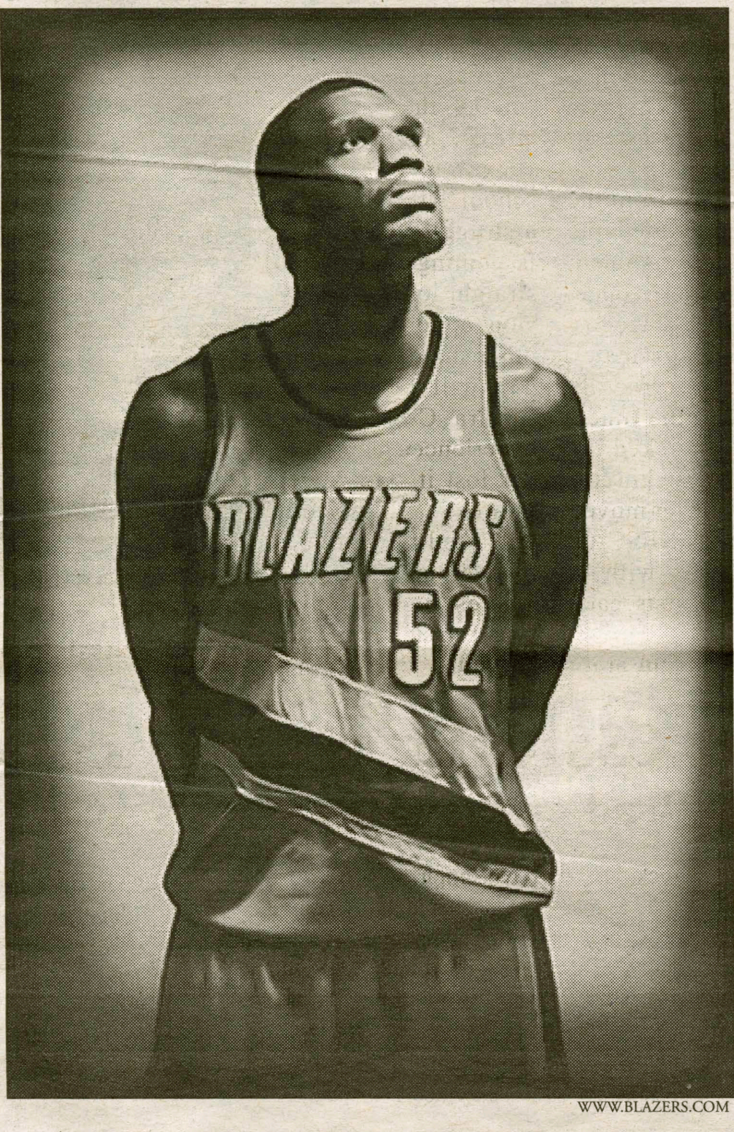
The rest of the season he went from good to great, playing an average of 29 minutes per game and scoring 501 points in 32 games. March of 2006, Greg was named to the First Team Big-Ten team and was named conference Defensive Player of the Year. Oden and Kevin Durant, 2007 NBA second pick in the past draft by the Seattle SuperSonics, were both named to the All-American First Team. They became the first freshmen since 1990 to accomplish this feat. Oden led the Ohio State Buckeyes to a Big-Ten Championship and to a runner-up position in the NCAA Division 1 championship tournament. In the finals against the University of Florida, Oden put up 25 points, 12 rebounds and had four blocks, but the Buckeyes ended up losing 84 – 75 to the Gators.

After an impressive 06/07 season with the Buckeyes Oden announced he was entering the 2007 NBA draft. Phoenix Suns General Manager Steve Kerr called Oden a, "once in a decade player." That sentiment seemed to be a constant throughout the pre-draft process with many NBA analysts and teams vying for Oden. Greg Oden, at 19 years of age was selected first overall in the 2007 NBA draft by the Portland Trail Blazers. He then signed a two year contract with two team options with the Trail Blazers.

The many accolades Oden has acquired seemed to be overshadowed by the announcement that microfracture surgery would be needed to correct Greg Oden's right knee. Microfracture surgery is a surgical procedure that can aid in the restoration of knee cartilage. This is done by making tiny fractures in the surrounding bone. The operation is usually done in 30 minutes and has a high rate of success.

Well, maybe not a high rate of success. Notable NBA players have undergone this surgery: Brian Grant, Amare Stoudemire, Allan Houston, Antonio McDyess and Chris Webber. After the microfracture surgery all of these players were shadows of their former selves on the court. Amare Stoudemire returned to the court eight months after the operation, but was unable to play due to stiffness in his knees. With much rehab Stoudemire regained his pre-surgery form in the 06-07 season earning a spot in the All-star game. Stoudemire, although slow to get off the line, is now a shining example of what microfracture surgery can do. Will Greg Oden fall into the unknown like many others before him or will Oden follow in Amare Stoudemire's footsteps and return to the Trail Blazers and do for them what he did for Ohio State.

Portland had been set up to capitalize upon Oden's stature with 18 national tv appearances and a significant growth in season ticket sales. A Christmas day matchup between the Trail Blazers and Kevin Durant's Seattle Sonics has now become all about Durant instead of the top rookie of the year contenders going head to head. The Trail Blazers will now have to rely upon its youth to play even up to last season's dismal effort. They traded away their best player in Zach Randloph to free up space for Oden and LaMarcus Aldridge to both start. Now Aldridge will move to the center position and Channing Frye will take over as the starting power forward. Brandon Roy can only do so much for this team and he will have to take over more in the scoring department. He has worked extremely hard during the offseason to perfect his jump shooting off of curls. Steve Blake will take over the point guard position for Jarrett Jack and is coming off of a career year. Head Coach Nate McMillan will have his hands full this season and he will have to push his team towards playing better defense. He spent his summer working with Team USA as it prepared for the FIBA Tournament of the Americas, of which the United States came out on top. Another bad year for him could create a bit of controversy as owner Paul Allen has been known to pull the trigger quickly. You can expect to see the Trail Blazers back in the lottery next year vying for the top spot to get one of the top collegiate players in the country.



Greg Oden is out for the year due to microfracture surgery.

NFL: Week Three Recap

by Alex Ebling '10
Sports Writer

Three down, fourteen to go. Week three in the NFL was full with surprises, upsets, and blowouts. From the Packers beating the chargeless Chargers to the streaking Patriots pounding the injury-ridden Bills, the weak teams and the strong teams are beginning to become clearer. It is still early, but teams around the league are making statements. Here is a look around the league at some of the highlights from week three.

San Diego at Green Bay: Before the game, Brett Favre was on record as saying he thought the Chargers had a better team than the Packers. He may be correct; only time will tell if the real Chargers will ever show up. But on this Sunday, it was a blast from the past as Brett Favre threw for 369 yards and three touchdowns to tie Dan Marino's career touchdown record. Favre's brilliant passing led the Packers to an upset 31-24 win over the Chargers.

Indianapolis at Houston: While the Texans were unable to pull off the win against the defending Super Bowl Champion Colts, they proved that they are team to be reckoned with this year. After starting their season 2-0 behind new quarterback Matt Schaub, they fought the high-powered Colts to the very end, only to lose by a touchdown, 30-24. However, this could be the year the Texans take the step from expansion team to contending NFL team.

Detroit at Philadelphia: Going into this game, both teams appeared to be heading in opposite directions. The Lions were off to a 2-0 start and had many people in the Detroit area believing. The Eagles, on the other hand, had struggled to a 0-2 start, and there were calls by the Eagle faithful for franchise quarterback Donovan McNabb to be cut. After this game, however, the outlook of both teams changed dramatically. The Lions played like the Lions we have grown to love over the past years, and the Eagles, behind McNabb's 381 yards and four touchdowns, all of a sudden had regained the confidence of their fans after running away with a 56-21 victory.

Dallas at Chicago: What many Chicago fans were suspecting throughout the Bears run to the Super Bowl last year was proven true in week three; Rex Grossman is the single worst quarterback in the NFL. Yes, the Cowboys are among the elite of the NFC teams. However, a 15-32, 195 yard, three INT performance is still horrendous. This abysmal game may prove to be Grossman's last shot with the Bears, as it was announced this week that backup quarterback Brian Griese will take over the starting job next week for the Bears. Maybe he can restore some of the hard-nose Chicago offense, as it was absent in their 34-10 loss to the boys of Dallas.

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Field Hockey Looks Forward to St. Lawrence

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It is midway through the 2007 Hamilton Field Hockey season, and the Continentals (2-5) are left wondering how to get back on track to accomplish their original goal of reaching the Liberty League play-offs. After a disappointing loss to Utica College (2 -6) to open the season, the team went on to defeat SUNY Morrisville (0-5) and SUNY Oswego (1-7) with ease – scoring 16 goals in those two games alone. However, since the victory against the Lakers on September 12, the Continentals have lost four in a row - two of which were extremely important Liberty League match-ups.

In the loss to SUNY Cortland (8-1) at Cortland Stadium Complex on September 15, Hamilton kept up with the Red Dragons, going into halftime with the score tied 1-1. However, Cortland went on to hold the Continentals scoreless in the second half and despite goalie Courtney DeMaria's 16 saves in the game, the Red Dragons went on to win the game 3-1.

Hamilton's game against Hartwick College (5-4) on September 18 was more of the same, as things seemed to be clicking early for the Continentals. Junior midfielder Christina Matulaitis tied the score at 1-1 with her third goal of the season, and DeMaria made 13 saves. Once again though, the Continentals let the game slip away as the Hawks scored the game winner with a little over six minutes remaining in the game to win 2-1.

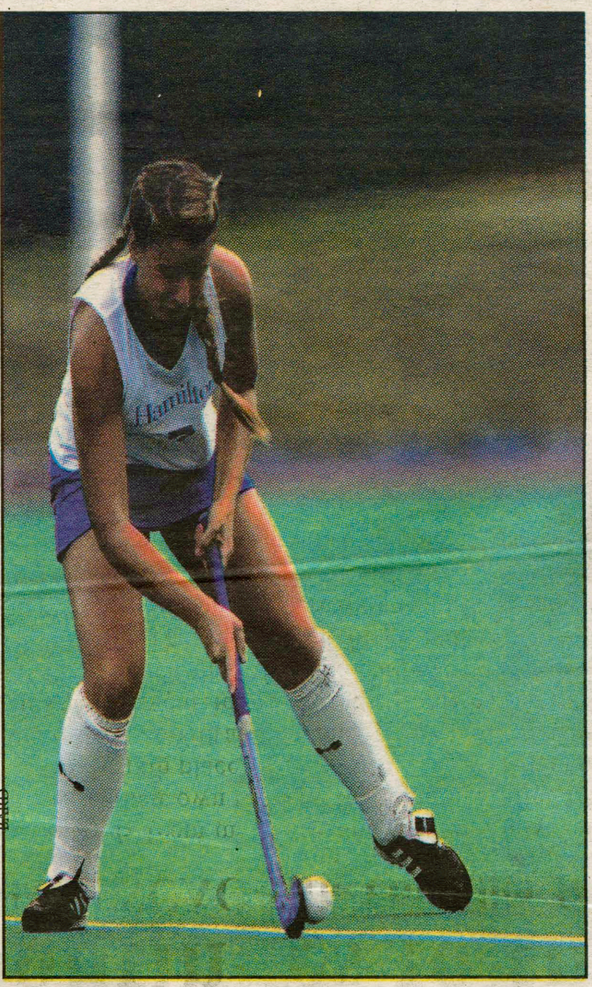
On September 21, Hamilton took on their first Liberty League opponent in a game against University of Rochester (5-2) at Campus Road Athletic Field. Yet again, despite a very close first half and a 1-1 tie early in the second half, Hamilton could not hold on and the Yellow Jackets went on to win 3-1.

Looking to bounce back from the loss in their Liberty League opener, the Continentals faced William Smith College (6-0) on September 22 at Campus Road Athletic Field. Although DeMaria made 15 saves in the game and Hamilton recorded 13 shots on goal, the Herons shut out the Continentals 2-0 in the last of a series of heartbreaking losses.

After four losses in four well-played, close games, one has to wonder where things went wrong for the Continentals. One statistic that may have something to do with the recent losses is the shots-on-goal. The Red Dragons of Cortland had an astounding 28-4 advantage in shots, Hartwick had a similar advantage with 22-3, Rochester had the edge with 19-9, and William Smith had the advantage with 27-13 shots on goal.

When asked about these numbers, Matulaitis explained that "the team must get more scoring opportunities in the upcoming games in order to have all the hard work pay off. The main objective for the second half of the season is to score."

So with an unsatisfactory end to the first half of the regular season, Hamilton Field Hockey looks forward to a fresh start in the second half. Their next game is on Saturday, September 29, against St. Lawrence University (6-1) at home. If Hamilton can increase their shots on goal, things could come together quite nicely for the Continentals during their remaining seven games and produce a winning record for the year.



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Kristina Zambelli '11 has two assists in five games.

This Weekend in Hamilton Athletics:

Friday 9/28:
Volleyball v. St. Lawrence @ SUNY Oswego
Tennis (M) @ ITA Northeast Regional Championship

Saturday 9/29:
Football v. Wesleyan
Volleyball @ SUNY Oswego
Golf @ NESCAC Championship
Cross Country (W) @ Liberty League Championship
Cross Country (M) @ Liberty League Championship
Tennis (W) @ Williams Smith
Soccer (W) @ Williams Smith
Soccer (M) v. Hobart
Field Hockey v. St. Lawrence

Go Blue!

Golf Continues to Impress

Hamilton Hosts NESCAC Title Qualifier for First Time

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A week after coming in fourth place out of 25 teams at the Duke Nelson Invitational in Vermont, the Men's Golf Team faced tough competition in two separate tournaments this past week. The Continentals were looking to build upon their strong start and were encouraged because different players had led the team each week.

On Thursday, September 20, the team competed in the Mike Bello Invitational, hosted by Le Moyne College. Eleven of the top teams in the region participated, including the University of Rochester, a perennial Northeast powerhouse.

Two players, Dave Christie '09 and Kevin Osborne '09, paced the squad by firing 78s, which were good enough to earn them each a seventh place tie for individual scoring. Phil Preiss '10 shot a 79 to add to his team-leading low round average. After three tournaments, Preiss has a 76.33 average round score. Mike Hayes '08 and Dan Treichler '08 finished with 81s to finish out the round.

Hamilton was allowed two separate entries into the tournament. The Hamilton A Team finished third out of the eleven teams. While this result alone was impressive, the Hamilton B Team made a strong case in their own right by finishing in sixth place.

With another positive tournament to boost their confidence, the team looked forward to The Williams College Fall Invitational, where they would get a good sense of how they stack up to the other members of the NESCAC.

This two-day event proved to be a stern test for Hamilton's abilities, and the team showed up ready to play. Leading the squad this time was Brad Roche '11, who has emerged as one of the team's most consistent players. Roche fired two scores of 75, which tied him for ninth place out of the 99 golfers who participated. He has the team's second best average score per round at 77.44.

Christie also delivered an impressive performance, following up his first round 84 with a 72, which tied his career best while competing for Hamilton. Hayes and Jeff Corbett '09 each finished with a total of 165 for the two days, and Treichler posted a 167.

With their scores combined over both days, Hamilton finished in twelfth place out of the 19 teams that attended. Although this result was not the best that the Continentals could have expected, they showed their determination by moving up several spots in the standings after finishing the first day in fifteenth place. Being able to overcome a bad first day showed that the team can be successful if they can remain consistent.

With the bulk of the regular season now behind them, the team is focusing on the upcoming NESCAC Championships, which Hamilton is hosting. Middlebury is looking to win back to back conference titles and Trinity is out to show that they are better than last year when they came in second place. Williams comes into the tournament on a hot streak, as they have finished in the top five of all of their tournaments so far this season.

Performing well at this tournament is critical for the squad, as a top four finish will guarantee them a place in a qualifying tournament for NCAA Nationals in the spring. It will be the first time that Hamilton will host the NESCAC title qualifier and the Continentals will look to capture their first conference championship since 2003.

The week after the NESCAC Championships, Hamilton is hosting the Hamilton Fall Invitational at Seven Oaks Country Club, which ought to give the Continentals a little advantage, since they are playing on a familiar course.